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## FIERCE BATTLES IN SYRIA R.A.F. Supports Blitz Advance

### BRITISH LAND IN LEBANON

An announcement that British warships landed a detachment of troops armed with Tommy-guns on the coast of Lebanon, south of Beirut, yesterday morning, was made last night by the Vichy news agency.

The British naval forces, adds the agency, consisted of one battleship, two cruisers and five destroyers which had been previously seen cruising off Beirut. The agency asserts the troops were "promptly taken prisoners."

Latest position of the fighting in Syria was given by the Vichy agency last night.

"Strong motorised and armoured detachments of British and de Gaulle troops, supported by artillery, are attempting to advance along the road leading from the Syrian frontier to Damascus."

"Our troops of all arms, whom this unprecedented attack has not taken unawares, are bravely doing their duty."—Reuter.

### PETAIN AND DARLAN IN A HUDDLE

Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan hurriedly conferred as soon as the news of the advance into Syria reached Vichy, states Rome Radio, quoted by Reuter from London this morning.

### NEW PORT AT ANGOLA

IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN LISBON YESTERDAY THAT A NEW PORT WHICH IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT LUANDA, CAPITAL OF ANGOLA, WILL BE ONE OF THE FINEST ALONG THE WHOLE AFRICAN COAST.

The port will be built by Anglo-Dutch Engineering and Oil Works, Ltd.

The mole will be 330 yards long and 180 yards wide and will accommodate ships of 33 feet draught.—Reuter.

## British Attacking Along Main Road To Damascus

ALTHOUGH OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN CAIRO ARE AS YET RETICENT REGARDING THE PROGRESS OF THE BRITISH, IMPERIAL AND FREE FRENCH FORCES WHICH STARTED THE INVASION OF SYRIA AT 2 O'CLOCK ON SUNDAY MORNING, IT IS KNOWN THAT THE ADVANCE INTO THE TERRITORY IS PROCEEDING AND THAT FIERCE FIGHTING HAS OCCURRED, AND IS STILL RAGING, SOME 20 MILES FROM THE SYRIAN FRONTIER.

While Cairo announces that the Allied troops advancing into Syria have made some progress, it is not known in Cairo whether opposition has been encountered or what are the reactions of the French in Syria, and authoritative Cairo circles are without any very definite news of the situation.

It is officially announced by R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East, however, that British fighters covering the Allied advance into Syria have encountered no opposition.

Only actual news of fighting comes from Vichy, where a Peain Government announcement, quoted by the German radio, says the British troops in Syria are marching in a southerly direction.

The announcement says fierce battles are going on in the mountains of Djebel Druse, just south of Suweida, which is about 20 miles from Syria's frontier with Transjordan and some 55 miles south-south-east of Damascus.

### On Road To Damascus

The Vichy news agency says that "strong motorised and armoured detachments" of British and Free French troops, supported by artillery, are encountering resistance on the road to Damascus.

General Dentz's headquarters are at Beirut, and the first communique from there announces that the R.A.F. bombed the aerodrome at Mezze, near Damascus, yesterday morning, "causing damage but no casualties."

The R.A.F. have twice raided Beirut, setting fire to oil dumps.

The French communique says British troops attacked the southern frontier of Syria and Lebanon from 3.45 yesterday morning and "contact was made with our advance posts, which engaged the enemy in accordance with the tasks assigned them."

The Allied line of attack stretches from Meri Ayoun near the Lebanese coast to the southern point of the Djebel Druse country, according to military quarters in Vichy.

### GALLANT POLISH DESTROYER

THE PART PLAYED BY THE POLISH DESTROYER, PIORUN, IN THE OPERATIONS AGAINST THE BISMARCK, IS DESCRIBED IN AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE, ISSUED LAST NIGHT IN LONDON, AS "VERY GALLANT AND EFFICIENT."

The Piorun engaged the Nazi battleship in a "most spirited manner" after being the first in the destroyer force to spot the enemy.

She sustained no damage or casualties although she came under heavy fire from the Bismarck.—Reuter.

## LIKELY LINE OF ALLIED ADVANCE

THE LIKELY LINE of advance of the British and Free French Forces in Syria is the most natural one along the coast road through Saida or Beirut, it was stated in Cairo yesterday.

It is known the French have some blocks on the road but it is uncertain whether these are real military obstacles or merely traffic control blocks such as were well known to those travelling in France in wartime.

The French in Syria were deprived of many of their weapons by the Armistice Commission but it is known they have some tanks and armoured cars. Important thing, however, is not armaments but the reaction of the population and of the French troops.

The advance has been followed by the issue of a number of proclamations, namely one from General de Gaulle to the French forces in the Levant, another from General Wavell to the French forces and two from General Catroux to the troops and people of the Levant.

### We Shall Have Them

General de Gaulle's proclamation says: "Offices, N.C.O.'s, soldiers, sailors and airmen of the Levant, now is the hour to resume the fight for the liberation of France."

"I have appointed General Catroux representative and Commander-in-Chief of French forces in the Levant. You are to obey his orders."

"This time we shall have them and France shall win the way. A blunder (So long)!"

### No Continuous Front

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### P.W.D. MEN STILL ON STRIKE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Shanghai P.W.D. coolies are still on strike against the dismissal of a foreman whose immediate reinstatement is demanded. Pickets armed with stones attacked non-strikers and damaged a P.W.D. truck. Several agitators were arrested. Meanwhile fitters of the Shanghai Waterworks are still on strike.—International News Service.

## SUICIDALLY LOW NAZI BOMBING

WHILE THE BRITISH AND FREE FRENCH FORCES ENTERED SYRIA, THE GERMANS LAUNCHED A SECOND SAVAGE AIR ATTACK ON ALEXANDRIA, SUBJECTING THE CITY TO YET ANOTHER VICIOUS ALL-NIGHT BLITZ.

Nazi squadrons, swooping to almost suicidally low altitudes, showered high explosive and incendiary bombs wide and far, causing death and destruction at several points in the city. Considerable damage was done in the European and Arab residential quarters alike and it is feared that hundreds were killed and injured.

Fires were started but were promptly controlled. The main attack developed in the port area where a number of planes zoomed through a veritable hell of fire put up by British and Greek warships.

Amidst the inferno of screaming and exploding shells the enemy seemed determined to press home his attack but failed to hit a warship or any military objective.

The roaring of A.A. guns died away towards dawn when Alexandria's heaviest and most sustained raid came to an end.

From Malta, too, comes an official account of a raid by several enemy aircraft on Saturday night when planes attacking the island singly dropped bombs which, however, caused slight civilian damage and no casualties. In fact there was neither Service damage nor casualties.

One Italian light bomber was shot down by R.A.F. fighters and another so badly damaged that it probably did not reach its base.

Yesterday morning, enemy aircraft approached the coast but a raid did not materialise. — Reuter.

## BRITISH FLEET AT SEA

THE BRITISH AIRCRAFT CARRIERS ARK ROYAL AND FURIOUS, THE BATTLE CRUISER RENOWN, AND THE CRUISER SHEFFIELD, WITH FLOTILLAS OF TORPEDO BOATS AND SUBMARINES, LEFT GIBRALTAR FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN AT DAWN YESTERDAY.

This is according to a dispatch from La Linea to Vichy yesterday.

It was also reported from La Linea that 10 merchantships coming from the Mediterranean anchored at Gibraltar yesterday morning. — Reuter.

## HEAVY DEATH ROLL IN "ALEX" RAID

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the British Mediterranean Fleet)

THE NAZI BLITZING of Alexandria now appears to be starting in earnest with frequent reconnaissance flights from which one aircraft was shot down yesterday afternoon and a large scale bombing extending even to suburbs.

Although no official figures are available, enquiries at various hospitals indicate that very many were killed while the injured were very numerous.

The city to-day presents a remarkable sight with miles of long caravans of evacuating Egyptian families who commandeered every available vehicle, piling them high with their bedding, scant furniture and ancient horned gramophones, while the less fortunate slowly plod along the roads leading from the city with bedding and other bundles perched on their heads and carrying children. At the same time they drive a few miserable goats ahead of them.

Whole families of from eight to 10 people crowded into taxis which were almost unobtainable in the town for any other purpose.

### Bomb Havoc

The railway station throughout the day has been an indescribable spectacle being crowded with literally thousands of Arabs boarding special and ordinary trains on which it was impossible to make normal reservations.

Owing to the structure of the native houses, which are mostly mud, the bombs caused great havoc especially as the poorer quarter is extremely congested.

Despite this exodus there are no signs of panic or disorder, only resentment at the German ruthlessness. — Reuter.

## ASSISTANT LOSES HIS GRIP... YET ONLY JUST BACK FROM LEAVE!



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## FIGHTER SUPPORT IN SYRIA

FIGHTER SUPPORT FOR THE ALLIED TROOPS IN SYRIA IS REVEALED IN A SPECIAL R.A.F. MIDDLE EAST COMMUNIQUE LAST NIGHT.

It says R.A.F. aircraft gave full support to the British, Imperial and Allied troops which crossed into Syria at dawn on Sunday.

Fighter aircraft which patrolled the sky over our advancing troops met with no opposition.

R.A.F. fighters intercepted and shot down a Curtiss 100 bomber over Alexandria on Sunday afternoon and the Italian aircraft crashed near Agame. — Reuter.



# GERMANS OPERATING FROM SPAIN COLONY

## Nazi 'Planes Based At Rio De Oro

GERMAN LONG-RANGE BOMBERS, IT WAS REPORTED IN LONDON YESTERDAY, ARE OPERATING FROM RIO DE ORO, THE NORTH-WEST AFRICAN SPANISH COLONY, AGAINST BRITISH CONVOYS IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC.

A British ship has just been sunk off East Africa by a lone 'plane, believed to have come from the Luftwaffe force stationed at Dakar, Casablanca or Rio de Oro.

Britain is watching the moves of the Spanish authorities in this part of the world, it was declared in London, and the Royal Navy is also ready again to take action against the Vichy Fleet.

Some quarters hint, in connection with the Syria operations, that incidents "more fearsome" than the Oran and Dakar fights may soon be witnessed.

### Panzers In Morocco

Reports have been received that French army transports are moving panzer troops and infantry from Marseilles to Spanish Morocco, opposite French Morocco.

Spain has also been building up an air force, composed of Italian and German planes, in Spanish Morocco, a good hopping off point for bombing Gibraltar. —International News Service.

## SELASSIE THANKS INDIANS

Haile Selassie has sent a special personal message of thanks to the Indian divisions which so greatly helped in overthrowing Italian rule in Abyssinia.

The message states: "I am well aware of the sympathy which the Indian people and press have shown for my people throughout the years of their misfortune and opposition, and I am grateful for it."

"I am even more grateful for the magnificent part which the Indian troops recently played in the liberation of my country. Their training in mountain warfare enabled them, at Keren and afterwards at Amba Alagi, to scale precipitous heights and capture positions which seemed impregnable."

"Their courage to face an enemy superior in numbers and armed with the most modern weapons, excited the admiration of all who know what they have done."

"I wish to express to all ranks of the Indian divisions who fought in the campaign of freedom of my country, the sincere thanks of my country, myself and my people."

The message was signed on May 30, by the Emperor himself, seated at his writing table in the magnificent palace built by the Duke of Aosta. —Reuter.

## RUSSO-GERMAN TALKS, SNAGS

WHILE BOTH LONDON and Berlin are concerned regarding the Soviet attitude, it is considered in neutral circles that something has gone wrong with the German-Russian negotiations.

A certain sharpening in these relations seems discernable, it was stated in Stockholm yesterday.

The Germans profess to find some satisfaction in the fact that the Russian radio has increased German language broadcasts while abstaining from anti-German propaganda.

The Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm newspaper "Demokraten," commenting on the journey of Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador in Moscow, says German newspapers are asking how Sir Stafford will make his journey to London in compliance with Mr. Eden's request.

They point out that any journey from Sweden to Britain must go over German-controlled areas.

Complete silence is maintained in Stockholm on the subject. —Reuter.

## 1,000 KILLED IN E. AFRICA

A Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday says: "Libya: Tobruk. Artillery on both sides has been active."

"Abyssinia: After crossing the River Omo in two places, East and West African troops are pressing forward."

"At the northern crossing alone, the enemy lost over 100 dead, leaving 1,000 or more prisoners in our hands."

"In addition we captured 20 guns, 200 lorries, many machine-guns and quantities of war material. The retreating enemy forces are being vigorously pursued."

"Iraq: The situation remains calm." —Reuter.

## RANGOON BROADCAST TO THAI

A new daily programme from Rangoon for Thailand listeners, which began on Saturday evening, has evoked considerable interest in Thailand.

The programme was inaugurated by a message from Premier Usaw, followed by Sir Joseph Maung Gyl, ex-Acting Governor of Burma and at present President of the Senate, states a Reuter message from Rangoon.

"Thailanders felt themselves spiritually drawn closer to Burma when for the first time Burma sent greetings across the ether," it was stated in Bangkok.

"Both Premier Usaw's and Sir Joseph Maung Gyl's message emphasise the racial, cultural and specially religious affinities, and deeply impressed listeners, recalling the latter's former association with Chiang Mai where he resided for 10 years." —Reuter.



This picture was taken during a visit to the Women's Auxiliary Air Force School of Instruction at a mansion taken over by the R.A.F. in the Home Counties. Here members of the W.A.A.F. undergo a two weeks Officers Training Course. (Copyright, Fox).

## ISOLATION "THING OF THE PAST"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ADMIRAL HARRY YARNELL, formerly in command of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet, declared in Hoboken yesterday: "Fight now while Britain and China are our allies."

Admiral Yarnell, who was speaking at Stevens Institute of Technology Commencement Day, continued: "Isolation is a thing of the past and our safety and welfare are threatened."

"If Britain and China fall, we alone will guard Democracy. Europe and China must be returned to their people."

In another address yesterday, Mrs. Roosevelt, speaking at St. Paul, Minn., was applauded by an audience of 12,000 when she declared: "None in his sane mind wants to go to war, but just the same a lot of people in Europe who haven't wanted to go to war have found war in their countries."

While Mrs. Roosevelt was being introduced, five youths caused a disturbance in the balcony by booing and were escorted from the building.

Col. Lindbergh Contradicted

Twenty women pickets stood outside the building carrying

crudely marked placards denouncing war and aid to Britain. They refused to say what organizations they represented.

One sign read: "Who's President, Franklin or Eleanor?"

Mrs. Roosevelt in her address sharply contradicted the isolationist statements of Senator Burton Wheeler and Col. Lindbergh though not mentioning them by name. —International News Service.

### GEN. WILSON IN CHARGE

General Wilson, G.O.C., Palestine, is in charge of the whole Syrian operation, in which the Allied troops are supported by aircraft and include British, Australians, Indians and Free French. —Reuter.

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# SYRIA INVASION STARTS IN NICK OF TIME

THE MOVE BY THE British and the Free French to prevent the Germans assuming control of Syria and turning it into a battle-ground was taken in the nick of time, as evidence was accumulating of growing German infiltration.

It is understood that General Dentz, French High Commissioner in Syria, was recently informed by Vichy that a German Mission would arrive at Aleppo about June 15 to take over control and administration of the Aleppo district. The seriousness of such action requires no emphasis.

It was also learned that early in May, General Huntziger informed General Dentz that Admiral Darlan, in the course of a conversation with Hitler, had conceded air bases in Syria to the Germans, and General Dentz was asked to report, for the information of the disarmament commission, whether this was likely to cause trouble in the Syrian army and if so, to suggest how the position could be overcome. General Dentz suggested in reply that the aerodrome should be used by the Germans in transit.

## Two Important Declarations

While not under-estimating the importance of the declaration granting liberty and independence to Syria and Lebanon, the economic provisions of the British and Free French declarations are almost equal in importance.

Since France's capitulation, the economic life of Syria has been almost paralysed, imports falling to the minimum and hampered by grave exchange difficulties, while oil has ceased to run through the pipeline to Syria.

The declarations contain promises of economic revival with the lifting of the blockade, granting opportunities to enter into relations with the sterling block.

There seems a good probability that Syria is disgusted with the Germans and tired of Vichy and will accept the offered independence and help the Free French to drive the Germans from the country. — Reuter.

## Resistance Useless

General Wavell, in a proclamation to the soldiers of France in Syria, justifies the British action by describing that Syria and Lebanon were "the first stage" in the German conquest of the French colonies.

"We have come in considerable force and any resistance on your part would be useless," added General Wavell.

The British Ambassador to Egypt, Sir Miles Lampson yesterday issued an authorised announcement intimating that if the peoples of Syria and Lebanon supported the Allies, the blockade would be lifted from their country and they would immediately be able to enter the sterling bloc and would be assured of all advantages belonging to free countries associated with Britain. — Reuter.

## TRAVELS OF MEN OF VICHY

ADMIRAL DARLAN IS RETURNING TO PARIS TO RESUME THE CONVERSATIONS WITH GERMANY ACCORDING TO THE GENEVA NEWSPAPER "LA SUISSE" YESTERDAY.

Laval reached unoccupied France yesterday at Clermont-Ferrand, near Vichy, which is reported to be his eventual destination. His return has provoked much comment. General Weygand has left Vichy and French colonial agents in Africa are returning to their posts. — Reuter.

## TO END INDIAN IMPASSE

To end the political impasse, the Bengal Premier, Fazal-ul-Huq, on Saturday suggested a round table conference presided over by Lord Linlithgow in a personal capacity to bring together the Indian leaders.

He is optimistic that this may result in national governments at the centre and in the Provinces, enabling India to nullify its full weight in the war effort.

The Punjab Premier, Sir Sikander Hyat Khan, repeated his suggestion for a round table conference of Premiers and leaders of parties in legislatures.

The Sind Home Minister, Sir Ghulam Hussain, appealing to leaders of all parties to unite in the utmost war effort suggested a conference of representatives of legislatures and elements outside, including the Princes.

The pro-Congress "Hindu Times" says that if an immediate settlement is "imperative in view of the threat to our country which may assume formidable proportions any day," the most hopeful approach will be a Premier's conference including those who are in prison to-day. — Reuter.

## CENSOR'S POWERS INCREASED

Tightening up of the Australian censorship is revealed in an amendment to the National Security Regulations.

It gives the Government power to prohibit the publication of any newspaper whose editor, printer or publisher has on more than one occasion disregarded the censorship order.

This power may be exercised when the matter is published after an order forbidding its publication has been issued.

Before exercising the power, however, the Minister must be satisfied that the publication or the continued publication is likely to prejudice the defence of the Commonwealth or the efficiency of the prosecution of the war. — Reuter.

## YUGOSLAV PROTEST IN LONDON

The Yugoslav Minister in London has handed to the Foreign Secretary the following statement, in which the Yugoslav Government protest against the attempt by Germany and Italy to annex the territory inhabited by Slovenes:—

"The Government of the German Reich and the Government of the Kingdom of Italy, after having occupied the territory of Yugoslavia by military force, have annexed Slovenia, one part to Germany and one part to Italy.

"This brutal dismemberment of the Slovene people, besides being a completely unjustifiable proceeding, is contrary to ethical principles because on this territory annexed by Germany and Italy lives a population which is absolutely compact and of pure Slovene origin.

"The Royal Yugoslav Government, which includes among its members legitimate representatives of the Slovene people, protest against these proceedings of the Government of the German Reich and the Government of the Kingdom of Italy, which proceedings are aimed to destroy the Slovene people and dismember the territory of Yugoslavia as a nation and as a State." — British Wireless.

## TERRIFIC HEAT IN DESERT

A PRESS CORRESPONDENT WITH THE MIDDLE EAST FORCES WRITES THAT THERE HAS BEEN PRACTICALLY NO ACTIVITY IN THE WESTERN DESERT, WHERE THE HEAT HAS BEEN TERRIFIC IN THE LAST FEW DAYS, THE THERMOMETER REGISTERING 135 DEGREES.

The Germans still hold Halfaya Pass and several posts, including Muesaid, along the Egyptian frontier.

At Tobruk the only activity has been spasmodic bombing.

A communique issued from British G.H.Q. in Cairo states: "On all fronts the situation remains unchanged." — British Wireless.

## EXPOSURE OF AXIS CANARD

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S VIGOROUS DENUNCIATION OF PEACE RUMOURS AND THEIR PURVEYORS OVERSHADOWED EVERYTHING ELSE OVER THE AMERICAN RADIO AND ON THE FRONT PAGES OF THE NEWSPAPERS.

Commentators welcomed the statement, particularly approving his exposure that such reports emanated from Axis sources.

The fact that the President authorised quotations from his statement is held as significant, emphasising the importance he attached to his declaration. — Reuter.

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## MUTT AND JEFF

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## ONE-TYPE PRAM—AND RATIONED

A standard perambulator—supplies strictly rationed—will soon appear in British shops.

It will be made to a single design, to accommodate babies either lying or sitting. A choice of colour is likely to be the only concession to individual taste.

The manageress of a Leeds pram shop told the "Daily Mirror" that as a result she expected a boom in secondhand prams which would exceed even that experienced in the second-hand motor-car trade.

She said: "We are now on a quota which is nothing like sufficient to meet the demand for prams. With all these war weddings there is bound to be a bigger demand than ever, but goodness only knows what is going to happen when present stocks are exhausted."

"Prices are going up, and I'm afraid that soon, as new prams get scarcer, there will be some profiteering in the second-hand market."

## GROW OUT OF MASKS

Children are growing out of their gas masks.

Of the masks carried by Uxbridge, Middlesex, schoolchildren half are ineffective.

Children who, before the war, were issued with small, or medium masks, now need to be fitted with a larger size. The masks are also damaged, torn or punctured, by constant carrying.

"Out of 400 masks we examined in one school," Mr. H. W. Jackson, A.R.P. officer of Uxbridge, Middlesex, told a reporter, "180 were damaged so as to be ineffective. We repaired or exchanged these on the spot. Only about one in ten was beyond repair."

## Discipline High

"We found that gas discipline was high. The children seem to be more gas-conscious than their parents."

L.C.C. schoolteachers inspect masks once a fortnight, and defective ones are replaced by local wardens.

"Some time ago we asked our teachers to do this," said an L.C.C. official. "And so we are sure every child's mask is in working order."

## GRANDMA IS BOSS OF SHELTER "HOME"

A grandmother aged forty-seven, besides managing a home, runs a public shelter in Liverpool so efficiently that she has been officially put in charge, with men assistants.

When raids first started last summer, Mrs. Amelia Evans took her family to an underground public shelter and found it damp, uncomfortable and disorderly.

So Grandma took her precious hoard of sugar, made cups of tea and cocoa and penny sandwiches.

## Own Chucker-Out

With the profits she bought brooms, buckets, soap and electric light bulbs. Single-handed she transformed the shelter into a home from home. Through her "canteen" she has since collected more than £30 for the Spitfire fund.

To-day Grandma's day starts at 5 a.m., when she wakes the men with a cup of tea and sends them to work.

Later she alone cleans out the shelter, used nightly by more than 100 people, and goes home to do her own housework and shopping.

During raids Grandma sings to the children. She has even been her own chucker-out of drunks.

## REFUGEE WOMEN IN TEARS

When women refugee Socialists met in London to celebrate International Women's Day under the auspices of the Labour Party, they were deeply moved as they recalled similar gatherings in the past in their own countries.

The refugees hailed from Paris, Vienna, Prague, Warsaw, and practically every country in Europe.

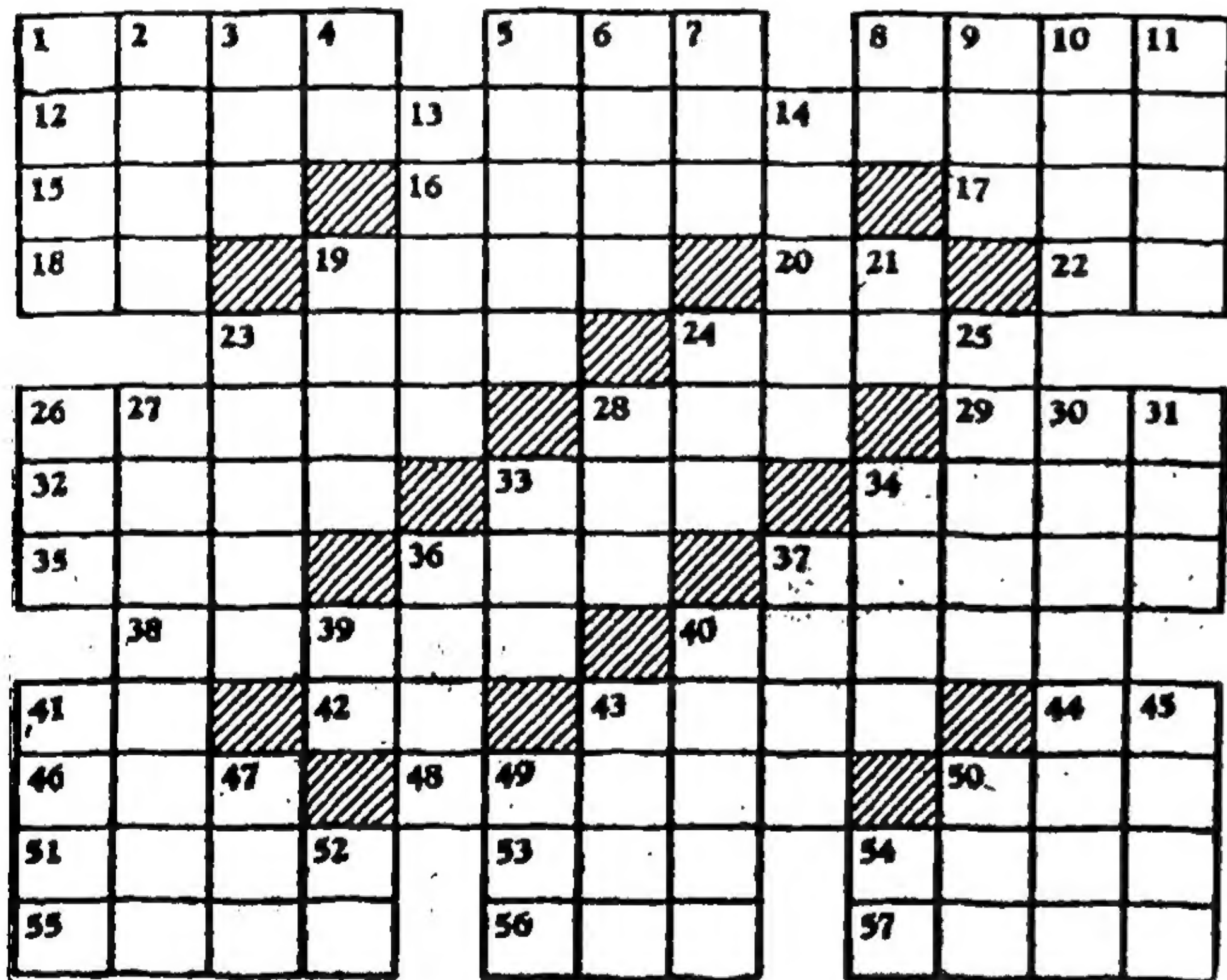
"We can no more contract out of the war than we can contract out of life itself," said Miss Mary Sutherland, chief woman officer of the Labour Party. "It is true we run risks in war, but in the event of a Nazi victory we should lose everything."

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- 17 Devoured
- 18 Preposition
- 19 Cloth measure (pl.)
- 20 Italian river
- 22 Teutonic deity
- 23 Ancient city in Asia
- 24 Minor
- 26 Apparel
- 28 Severe
- 28 Swordsman's dainty stake
- 29 Man's name
- 32 Historical periods
- 33 However
- 34 Black
- 38 Part of "to be"
- 38 Large container
- 37 To refine, as ore
- 38 At no time
- 40 To grin
- 41 Exits
- 42 Printer's measure

- 43 Morose
- 44 Symbol for calcium
- 46 Away from
- 48 Inanimate object
- 50 Title of respect
- 51 River duck
- 53 Unit of work
- 54 Bacteriologist's wire
- 55 Constellation
- 56 Law: things
- 57 Tibetan priest

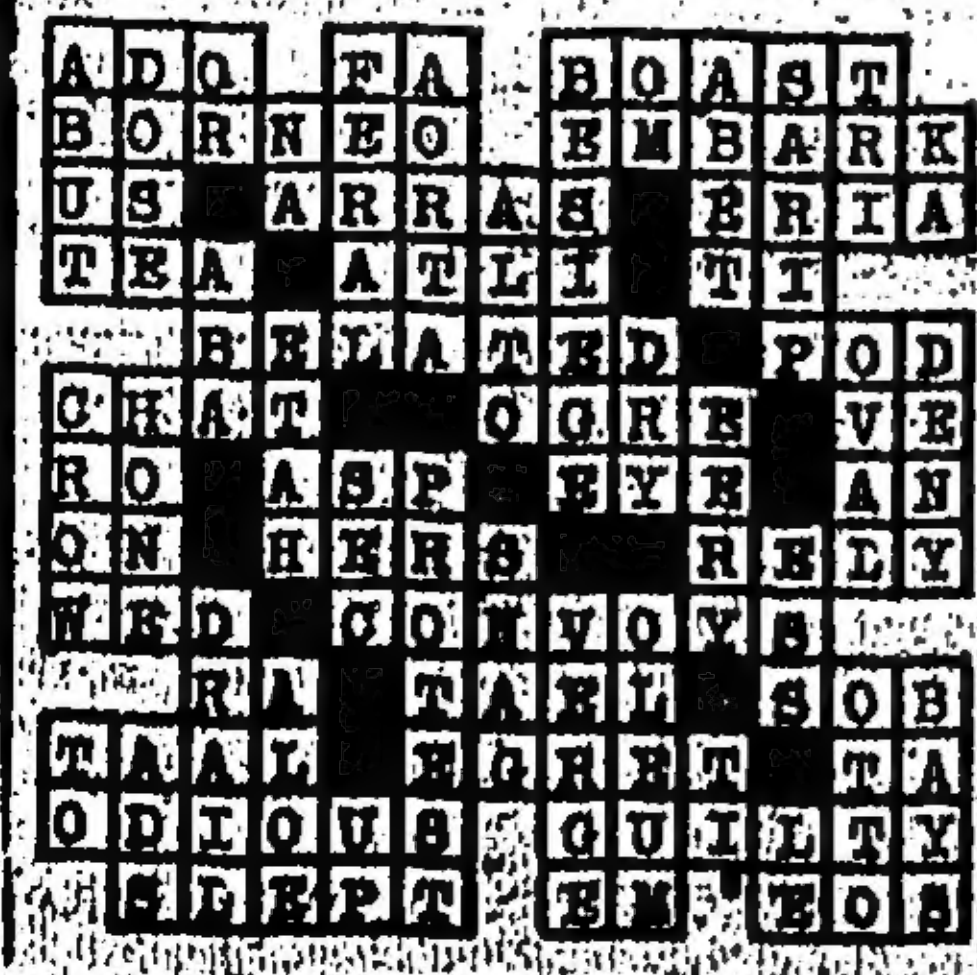
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- 1 Continent
- 2 To breathe laboriously
- 3 Finish
- 4 Ninety
- 5 Policeman's club
- 6 Man's name
- 7 Heavy weight
- 8 Sloth
- 9 Kiwi

## 10 Dumb

- 11 Belgian river
- 13 Claw
- 14 Asiatic kingdom
- 19 Is mistaken
- 21 Conjunction
- 23 To annoy
- 24 To receive
- 25 Confusion of cries
- 26 To stitch
- 27 To convey from one place to another
- 28 To set
- 30 Breach of etiquette
- 31 Insect
- 33 To forbid
- 34 Mobster prince
- 36 Small aperture
- 37 Self-satisfied
- 38 Norse god
- 40 Ditties
- 41 Greek letter
- 43 Father
- 45 Plane surface
- 47 To exhaust
- 49 Person
- 50 Ocean
- 52 Behold
- 54 Symbol for oleum

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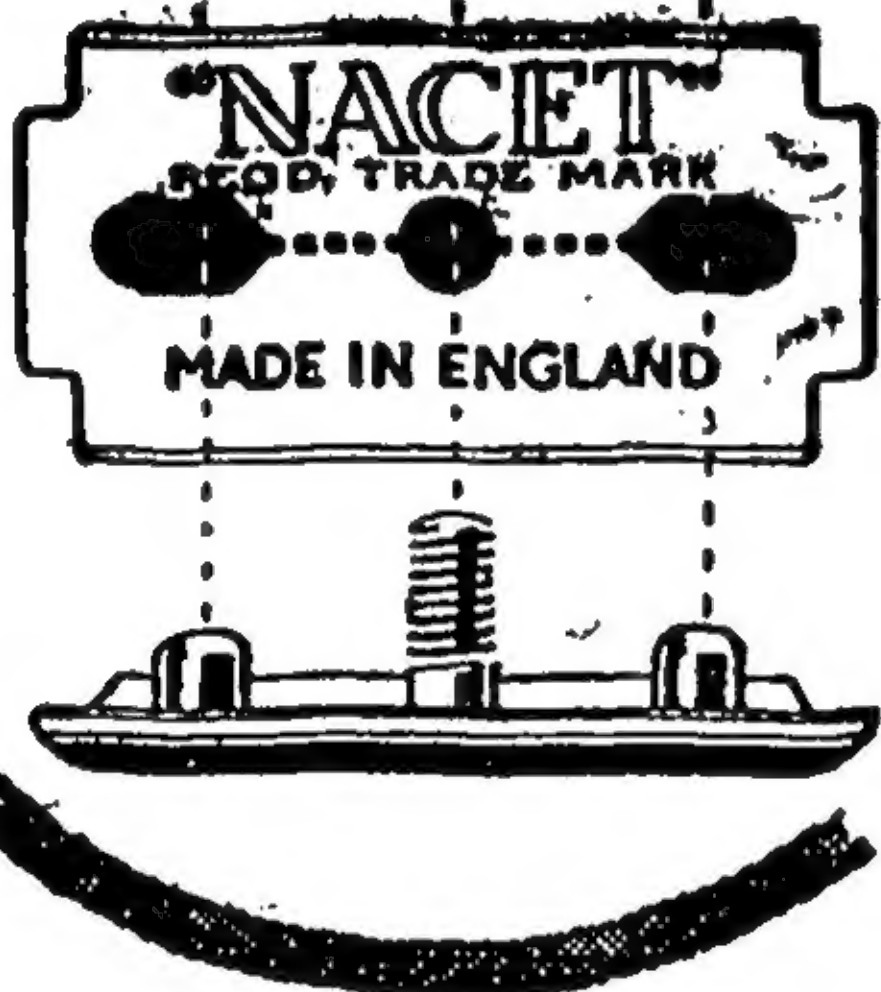
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### A VICTORY WITHOUT PRECEDENT

# MATAPAN STORY RETOLD

THE ADMIRALTY has issued the following narrative, states "The Times," giving a connected account of the action off Cape Matapan on March 28, so far as detailed information was available.

About midday on Thursday, March 27, air re-

connaissance reported that enemy cruisers were at sea to the southeastward of Sicily. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, was then at Alexandria with the main body of his fleet. It was immediately clear to him that these enemy cruisers could not be up to any good, and he concluded that their probable intentions were to attack our convoys between Egypt and Greece.

Acting on this supposition he made the following dispositions of the forces at his disposal: The Vice-Admiral Commanding Light Forces (Vice-Admiral H. D. Pridham-Whippell) with his flag flying in H.M.S. Orion (Flag Capt. G. R. B. Back) had with him the cruisers Ajax (Capt. E. D. B. McCarthy), Perth, of the Royal Australian Navy (Capt. Sir P. W. Bowyer-Smyth) and Gloucester (Flag Capt. H. A. Rowley) and some destroyers. This force the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, ordered to proceed to a position south of Crete, in which it would be strongly placed to intercept any enemy forces attempting to interfere with our traffic with Greece.

The Commander-in-Chief, whose flag was flying in H.M.S. Warspite (Flag Capt. D. B. Fisher) had with him the battleships Valiant (Capt. C. E. Morgan) and Barham (Flag Capt. C. C. Cooke), flying the flag of Rear-Admiral H. D. Rawlings, the aircraft carrier Formidable (Flag Capt. A. W. La T. Bissett) flying the flag of Rear-Admiral C. B. Cloyd, and some destroyers. This force was ordered to raise steam with all dispatch. In the afternoon of March 27 the Commander-in-Chief took his main fleet to sea from Alexandria and steamed to the northwestward in the hope of intercepting enemy forces and bringing them to action.

### Italian Force Sighted

At 7.49 a.m. on March 28 air reconnaissance reported an enemy force consisting of one Littorio-class battleship, six cruisers, and seven destroyers about 35 miles south of Gavdo Island. This enemy force was steering to the southeastwards and soon after being sighted it was seen to be joined by two more cruisers and at least two more destroyers. At the time when they were seen the Vice-Admiral Commanding Light Forces, with the cruiser force, was about 40 miles to the southeastward of the enemy.

The Commander-in-Chief with the main fleet was then about 85 miles to the southeastward of the cruiser force, and steaming to the northwestward. Acting on the aircraft report of sighting the enemy, our cruiser force altered course to the northward and made contact with the enemy cruisers at 8.2 a.m. Having made contact, the Vice-Admiral turned his cruisers to the southeastward in order to draw the enemy on towards the battle fleet.

### Cruiser Force Follows Suit

At about 9 a.m. the enemy cruisers turned sixteen points and began to steer to the northwestward. The British cruiser force followed suit in order to keep in touch. This they did until 10.30 a.m. when the Vice-Admiral saw the Littorio-class battleship sixteen miles to the northward. On sighting the enemy battleship he turned his cruisers once again to the southeastward in order to keep outside range of the heavy guns of the enemy battleship and to draw the enemy forces towards his Commander-in-Chief.

A torpedo bomber attack was launched from H.M.S. Formidable and the destroyer on the Littorio-class battleship at 11.30 a.m. One possible hit was claimed in this attack. Given this attack or the knowledge of the presence of an aircraft

carrier caused the Littorio-class battleship and her accompanying cruiser to turn to the northwestward. The enemy was thus again heading for his bases.

This abrupt turn by the enemy caused the Vice-Admiral to lose touch, but our cruiser force almost immediately came in sight of our own battle fleet and the whole of our forces pressed on after the enemy. At 11.35 a.m. our aircraft saw and reported a second enemy force about 80 miles west of Gavdo Island. This force consisted of two Cavour-class battleships, three cruisers and four destroyers.

### Torpedo Bomber Attack

At about this time another torpedo-bomber attack by naval aircraft was launched against the enemy force, which included the Littorio-class battleship. One hit was claimed in this attack. During the first hours of the afternoon naval aircraft again carried out a search for the enemy, with whom touch had been temporarily lost. The enemy was again located. A further torpedo-bombing attack was launched and in this attack three torpedo hits on the Littorio-class battleship were claimed.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Blenheim bombers of the R.A.F. attacked the enemy with bombs. In these attacks it was claimed that two direct hits were scored on one cruiser, one direct hit on a destroyer, and two probable hits on another cruiser. At 4 o'clock the Commander-in-Chief received a report from aircraft that the speed of the Littorio-class battleship had been drastically reduced. He at once ordered the Vice-Admiral to press on with his four cruisers to regain touch.

At dusk two more torpedo-bombing attacks were launched by naval aircraft. It is not thought that the Littorio-class battleship was again hit during these attacks, but one enemy cruiser was definitely hit by a torpedo. The Vice-Admiral Commanding Light Forces regained touch with the enemy just after dusk and some destroyers were ordered to attack, others being retained with the battle fleet for screening duties. Having led the destroyers to the position from which they were to commence their attack the Vice-Admiral led his cruisers clear of his destroyers to the northeastward.

### Co-ordination Of Fleet And R.A.F.

These highly successful engagements in the Mediterranean can be accounted historic for two reasons. It is the first occasion in history in which skillful co-ordination of naval operations with attacks launched by aircraft has resulted in the enemy's speed being reduced and our main units being able to force action upon a reluctant enemy. It is also the first occasion in naval history in which such severe losses have been imposed upon the enemy while our own forces were completely unscathed.

On the following day 50 aircraft and 850 men from the Italian vessels which had been sunk were picked up by our forces and by Greek destroyers which were actively co-operating. The survivors included Capt. Despland of the Pola, Admiral Cantoni, commanding the Italian heavy cruiser squadron, and thought to have been lost in the Zara. Some hundreds more Italian survivors would have been picked up by the Allied forces had not the life-

saving operations of our ships been interrupted by dive-bombing attacks. One Ju88 which had attempted to interfere with our operations on the previous day had also been shot down.

### Signal To Italian Staff

When the Commander-in-Chief reluctantly decided to abandon the rescue of Italian seamen in order to avoid exposing his ships and, incidentally, the Italian survivors to danger from the German aircraft, he made a signal en clair to the Chief of the Italian Naval Staff, stating that over 350 Italian survivors were believed to be on rafts, giving their positions, and stating that a fast hospital ship would be needed to pick up such survivors as he had been unable to rescue. The Commander-in-Chief received the following reply from the Commander-in-Chief of the Italian Navy:—"Thank you for your communications. Hospital ship Gradisca already left Taranto yesterday at 5 p.m."

### Two Cruisers Wrecked

At 10.10 p.m. it was reported to the Commander-in-Chief that an enemy vessel was lying damaged and stopped three miles to port of the battle fleet's course. The Commander-in-Chief at once turned the battle fleet to engage this unit. It is now known that this ship was the Italian cruiser Pola. While the battle fleet was approaching the Pola three enemy cruisers were seen on the starboard bow.

As the enemy cruisers passed ahead of the screen, H.M.S. Greyhound (Comdr. W. R. Marshall A. Deane) illuminated the leading heavy cruiser. Our battle fleet at once opened fire. The enemy must have been taken completely by surprise. The first salvoes hit at a range of about 4,000 yards and practically wrecked both the heavy cruisers of the Zara class as far as fighting was concerned.

Enemy destroyers which were astern of the cruisers were then seen to turn and fire torpedoes, and our battle fleet turned away to avoid them. Exactly what followed is still obscure, but H.M.A.S. Stuart (Capt. H. M. L. Waller) and H.M.S. Havock (Lieut. G. R. G. Watkins) certainly did considerable execution. The attacking force of destroyers, which was searching for the damaged Littorio-class battleship failed to locate her and it seems probable that she moved off during the action between our battle fleet and the enemy cruisers. Some of the destroyers from this attacking force subsequently made touch with the destroyers sent in by the Commander-in-Chief to mop up, and they assisted in sinking the Zara and the Pola.

### Italians Fire On Each Other

It appears probable that during the night the Littorio-class battleship became heavily engaged with her own forces, as heavy gunfire was heard at a time and from a direction which made it impossible for any of our forces to be engaged. As soon as it became possible that a fleet action might take place, a force of Greek destroyers steamed out to the westward in the hope of intercepting enemy forces endeavouring to escape into the Adriatic. Unfortunately the line of the enemy retreat did not give them an opportunity to attack. Extensive air search next morning failed to disclose any of the remaining Italian ships, which must have made their escape under cover of darkness.

The results of this action so far as is at present known are that the heavy cruisers Zara, Pola and Fiume were sunk; one of the gun cruisers of the Colleone class was probably sunk; the large Italian destroyer Vincenzo Gioberti and the destroyer Maestrale were sunk; and the large destroyer Alfieri probably sunk. The new battleship of the Littorio class sustained serious (under-water damage) and other enemy units were also certainly damaged.

None of our ships sustained either damage or casualties. The only British losses during these operations were two naval aircraft.



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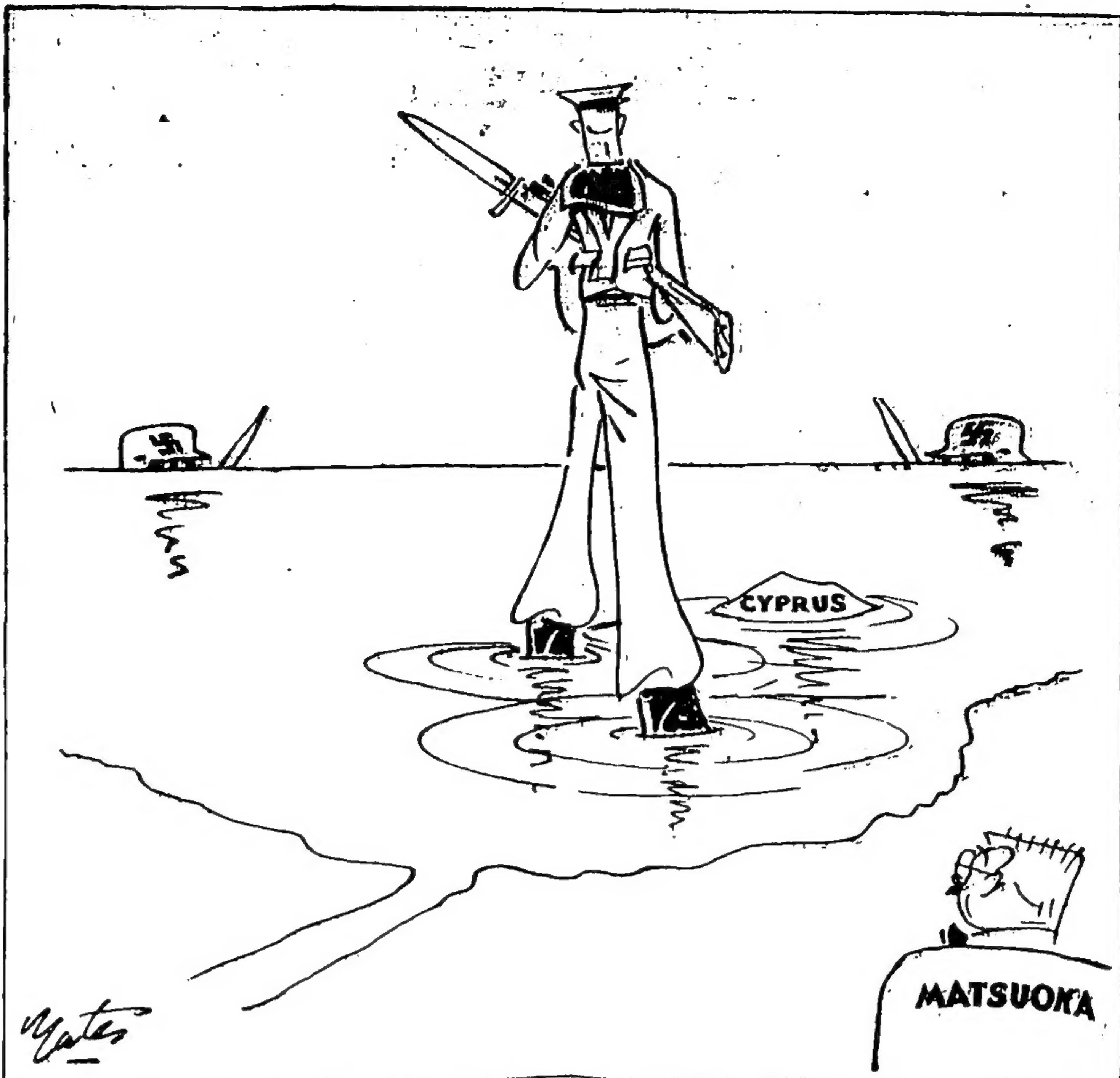
Germany didn't make the figure public. Perhaps the Nazis knew that nobody reads statistics and thought that the world wouldn't be interested.

But Britain was interested. A parliamentary secretary recently put the figures together and explained them to the House of Commons.

He couldn't get the amounts for Poland, for Rumania, or for Bulgaria. But even without them the total compares quite favourably with all that Germany paid in reparations for the War of 1914-18.

And even a world which is not interested in figures, and has forgotten them, will remember the protest that Germany made over the "iniquities of Versailles." It will remember the conviction with which German statesmen assailed the "astronomical" demands of the Dawes and Young plans. It will remember how convincingly the Reich's economists proved that Germany could not pay . . .

But Denmark, Norway, Belgium, the Netherlands, and France must pay. Their economy has been disrupted by war, their markets shut off. Their raw materials are restricted, and their supplies requisitioned by a conqueror. Yet France, for instance, is charged more than twice the



WHO IS THE MORE WATCHFUL?

# Publicity Chief

By  
**Corolyn Cox**

Sir Gerald Campbell, the comparatively new British Minister to the United States, who has just vigorously replied to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's remarks about Britain's military record, and has now been appointed to handle British publicity in the United States, was only recently discovered by his countrymen. It was on the completion of fourteen years of continuous expanding success in the British Consular Service in the United States that his name turned up in the New Year's Honours List, awarded a knighthood by his king.

Sir Gerald was born in St. Mary's, Hertfordshire, in 1877, one of a family of four sons and two daughters of Mary Head and the Rev. Colin Campbell, Clergyman Campbell put together most excellent sermons, and small Gerald's ears were early accustomed to beautiful English and

well-turned phrases. He acquired in a privileged fashion his intimate knowledge of the Book with which he now enriches his public speaking.

At an early age Sir Gerald moved with his family to Weston-Super-Mare, and there attended a small private school. But "boys are made the kind of men they become in their homes," says Miss Florence Campbell, his sister, who lives with her brother.

Sir Gerald went on to Repton and Trinity College, Cambridge, but he did not want to be a clergyman. Not knowing what he did want to be, he followed the usual line of least resistance—taught school for a year at Haywards Heath. School teaching settles many an uncertain mind and it settled Gerald Campbell. He tutored and took the examinations for the British Consular Service.

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There was on one occasion, in sporting bicycle trip he took from Mwanza to Elizabethville, riding on the bicycle on such parts of the trip as had any roads to ride upon, carrying the thing and his rifle, books, thermos bottle and so forth on other long portions where roads were not. He thought on the whole the bicycle was a handy.

You can't be out on your own in the African jungle and develop into a "yea man." It is after five years you have proved yourself a success, and Sir Gerald did so. You have learned to think for yourself, to let rain fall, to let the sun shine, and to be ready to take up the trail when the sun shines again.

Returning to England on leave in 1911, Sir Gerald persuaded Miss Margaret Juler, who was studying music at the Royal Academy in London, to marry him and go out to set up housekeeping in the Congo, at Elizabethville in the Katanga District. When the bride and groom arrived, the brick bungalow being built for them by local workmen had suffered from their neglecting to put a roof on till they had done the rest of the house and the rains had come and gone.

There being no one else to play the piano parts for his wife's violin sonatas, Sir Gerald picked them out himself.

## In Ethiopia

In the middle of the first World War Sir Gerald was transferred from Venice to Ethiopia, and off he trekked, with his wife and two small daughters, to take up residence in Addis Ababa. ("New Flower") among the eucalyptus trees planted by Haile Selassie's predecessor, Menelik. The Campbell's third daughter, Jean, was born in the Ethiopian capital.

When Sir Gerald was sent out from Ceylon to Philadelphia in 1920, he had no idea of the importance to himself and to his country of the chapter he was about to begin. The American businessman discovered one of the best after-dinner speakers he had heard in many moons. Sir Gerald was in demand.

San Francisco had the Campbells for nine years. A trophy of this chase hangs on Sir Gerald's wall to-day—a vast scarlet British lion having its tail tweaked, with signatures all over it, of San Francisco's businessmen who presented it to Sir Gerald at a farewell luncheon.

From coast to coast went the Campbell family, winding up in a New York skyscraper apartment. Sir Gerald was Consul General in Gotham from '31 to '38. Later he went to Ottawa.

What has happened to tradition in British red tape, when a Consul General in the space of two years is seen to swoop up gracefully to an important diplomatic post? There are moments when the man in the street begins to wonder whether an invigorating breeze has not interrupted the ill winds of war.

actual cost of maintaining the Reich's legions on French soil, and the Germans are using the difference to "purchase" an interest in French industry.

If John Smith is a Norwegian, it will cost him £20 a year. If he is a Netherlander, it will amount to about £5 annually. Nor does the burden stop there. For hunger and want, also imposed, have followed in the footsteps of the Nazis.

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# NAZI SCHEME ON FRENCH BIRTH RATE

(By Kenneth Downs, I.N.S. Correspondent)

A COROLLARY OF WAR, removal from civil life of the most virile segment of the population, brings automatically a rapid decrease in the national birth rate. It is as certain as death and taxes. Birth rates of all combatant nations in World War I—Germany, France, Britain and others—plummeted to alarming depths. But war aside, what would be the result of a methodical plan of a man, with the power to do so, to gear the numerical rise or fall of posterity of his present-day dreams of conquest?

That terrible intention, fantastic as it seems, has become a terrible reality. The French quit in this war before they could be bled as they were from 1914 to 1918. But that quick surrender is not sparing the French race. It is being sapped dangerously, although quietly.

Because of the 1,800,000 French war prisoners still being held in German camps, there are and will continue to be empty cradles throughout France this year.

### Almost Complete Barrenness

Even before the war, declining birthrate was one of France's chief problems. Now a period of almost complete barrenness is setting in, and this period is likely to last for a long time. For there is little likelihood that these unfortunate 1,800,000 captives will see freedom until after the war.

"Don't be fooled by any talk of liberating the prisoners," an extremely well-informed official told me in Paris. "They are in for the duration of the war, no matter how many years it lasts or which way it goes."

"They are too valuable to Hitler where they are. Remember, almost every family in France has at least one relative among the prisoners. By promising to better, or threatening to make worse, the condition of the prisoners, Hitler can exercise a diabolically strong influence on the French public."

"Also, you must remember, these 1,800,000 prisoners represent most of the virile force of France. By keeping them locked up, Hitler not only assures his defence against revolt of the French for the present, but he is weakening future generations by keeping the birthrate down."

This official told me that Pierre Laval had tried desperately to effect the release of the prisoners from August to December.

### M. Laval's Terrible Mistake

"If M. Laval, who is Hitler's man, couldn't get them out, who

can?" he asked. "M. Laval made a terrible mistake last summer and knows it. When we signed the Armistice, Laval was absolutely certain that England would be defeated inside five or six weeks. That is why he was willing to leave those prisoners in German hands. That is why he was willing to pay the absolutely fantastic sum of Fr. 400,000,000 a day to the German Army of Occupation. He thought it would all be over soon."

"He knows now that he was wrong about the British powers of resistance. But he still thinks they will lose eventually. Anyway, he has wagered his life on the decision he took last summer. So he will continue to work desperately for a German victory; not only because he feels that would be the quickest way to bring about release of our men, adjustment of payments and would be to the best general interests of France, but also because his head depends on a German victory. He will bring France into the war on the German side if he can."

### Only Small Groups Released

From time to time small groups of prisoners, usually not more than 20 to 30 are released. On these occasions, the press in both occupied and unoccupied France are instructed to play up the news in a big way. In one of his shaky periods, M. Laval announced he was about to obtain the release of all prisoners who were fathers of four or more children.

A few prisoners escape. They are invariably emaciated and all have the same stories of loss of weight due to bad or inadequate food. I met two old friends who recently had escaped from different prison camps. One had lost 25 lb. and told of having to work from dawn to dark on a farm near Berlin. The other had lost 11 lb. He had been in camp near Besancon in France and had not had to work. He had lived on nothing but biscuit and water for the first four weeks of his captivity. Later the French population had provided food for the 25,000 prisoners of this camp. Neither complained of bad treatment from their captors.

Serious observers can see only one possibility of the release of any large number of prisoners. If the time should come when the Germans want M. Laval swept back into power and with some popular support, something he has lacked entirely up to now, they might liberate some thousands of prisoners, taking care to see that a great propaganda campaign gave M. Laval all credit.

Under such conditions his unpopularity might well change to popularity, because the depth of feeling on the prisoner question is something which cannot be overestimated. In the overwhelming joy of receiving back their husbands, sons and brothers, simple French families might not be too analytical of the motives of the man who obtained their liberation.

### SLIPPERS FOR TROOPS

The owner of two new houses which had been requisitioned by the War Department was worried when he heard that soldiers were in occupation.

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He rang the War Department. To his surprise they replied, "The men have been issued with slippers for wear in the house."

Incredulous, he rang the men's C.O., who said: "Yes, the men are wearing the slippers."

Still incredulous, he paid a surprise visit—and found the soldiers wearing slippers!

## 'BUSINESS' BOOM IS RUMBLING

There is a terrific "business boom" on the south coast, particularly in the recently restricted zone between Brighton and Littlehampton.

"I should say every other family living on this part of the south coast have friends wishing to come down to discuss business matters," said a local police official.

"We had been inundated with requests for permits for visits, some on flimsy pretexts—not so long ago. It was probably just a coincidence that these applications were for around Easter holiday time."

"No permits are required for business visits, but people who come down on legitimate business should have convincing documentary evidence—a letter from a bank, solicitor or bona fide business house."

"Only those on genuine business are allowed in the prescribed zones, otherwise the whole object of the order to restrain casual visitors and pleasure seekers from flocking to the coast will be defeated."

"To be found in a restricted zone without good excuse is an offence punishable by a fine."

### R.E. DRIVER SAYS HE HAD TO WORK IN COOKHOUSE

Although he was trained as a driver of mechanical transport, Driver C. R. O'Reilly, twenty-three, of the Royal Engineers, was "hardly privileged to see a car let alone drive one."

In five months' service in the Army, he spent most of his time in the cookhouse. This was the plan put forward when he was charged by court-martial with desertion. He was found guilty of being absent without leave, but not guilty of desertion, and is to undergo a sentence of fifty-four days' detention.



# Swiss Rely On Alpine Passes To Keep Invaders Away

WHEN DR. JOSEPH GOEBBELS, Germany's Propaganda Minister, announced in a recent interview that Germany had no intention of attacking Switzerland, many Swiss believed him.

They believed him not because they had forgotten the lessons of Czechoslovakia, Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, and Norway, but because Switzerland presents military obstacles which many Swiss military experts believe would render an invasion attempt impractical even for Germany's Panzer Divisions.

The fact that the tiny democracy is now entirely surrounded by the united military power of the Axis, has not weakened the Swiss determination to defend their country.

It has weakened Switzerland's ability to defend the plain between the Alps and the Rhine, but does not essentially change its military position as a whole.

Switzerland's strength lies in the Alps and in its historical mission as guardian of the passes.

## Tunnels Are Traffic Arteries

The importance of this mission can be judged by anyone who stands at the entrance to the Gotthard or the Simplon tunnels and watches the long lines of freight cars being drawn through these most modern of tunnels with the most modern of electric locomotives.

Three of the world's longest tunnels — the Lotschberg, the Simplon and the Gotthard — are Switzerland's guarantee against aggressors. Freight for most of Europe north of Switzerland passes through these main arteries from Italy and Mediterranean ports.

And at the present time these passage-ways are vital links between German-controlled Europe, and the Mediterranean.

German, Netherlands, Belgian, French, Czech, and Polish cars — passing daily and even hourly all under German control — are along these routes. They carry coal and iron to Italy, and bring back bauxite, fruits, and vegetables.

Without these railway lines, Germany would be virtually cut off from the south. The Brenner Pass railway line is a single track and freight would soon choke up its limited capacity. Other routes which pass through France or the Balkans are possible, but are so roundabout that much valuable time would be lost in shipping over these routes alone.

## Important To Axis

Thus Germany and Italy are only too well aware of the value of maintaining intact these valuable rail links. And they are, in the opinion of many Swiss, more inclined to leave to Switzerland the task of guarding the tunnels, than to attempt an invasion with the likely result that the tunnels — already well mined by the Swiss — would be blown to ruins which would take years to repair.

But these measures would only be put into operation as a last resort. The Swiss are confident that the narrow, tortuous valley from Altdorf to Goeschenen would hinder sufficiently any invading force which might seek to use the road through the valley as an approach to the Gotthard tunnel.

It would be much easier to render useless this road, which at some places is merely a narrow shelf carved into the side of the rocky wall high above the valley floor. The approach to the Simplon tunnel passes through equally difficult terrain.

## Austrians Found Out

A mechanised army in the Alps would meet with the same difficulties that the heavily armoured Austrian knights encountered when they tried to subject the free Swiss in the thirteenth century. From high Alpine heights rocks were rolled down upon them by an invisible foe, the horses could not be manoeuvred on the narrow trails and the

a mountain. Dive bombers would be ineffectual in the gorges and narrow valleys of the Alps.

Switzerland has not enough military power to hold out long in the plains along the Rhine. It is, however, strong enough to hold the passes. At the outbreak of war the troops would gradually retreat from the border fortifications leaving the large cities in the plain to the enemy and retiring to the mountains.

But even with these assurances, tiny Switzerland is prepared for any emergency. The Swiss citizen army is mobilised all the time with shifts constantly returning from civil life to relieve others for work on the farms and in the factories.

The army, like the people, is trained in the heritage of successful defence against would-be invaders who throughout history have found Switzerland an impregnable rock. Finland and Greece have both shown that modern "Blitzkriegs" can still be bogged under favourable conditions by a brave people.

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Hong Kong, 7th June, 1941.

## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED

## Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, 60 Hunter Street, Sydney, Australia, on FRIDAY, 20th JUNE, 1941, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December 1940, and of declaring Dividend, etc. and appointing Messrs. Smith Johnson and Co., Sydney as Auditors of the Society for the ensuing year in lieu of the present Auditors.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 9th JUNE to 20th JUNE, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. H. K. COBB,  
Manager for the Far East.  
Hong Kong, 7th June, 1941.

## THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED

## Notice To Shareholders

THE SIXTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 25th June, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

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## BRIDGE NOTES

## BRIDGE SWINDLES

## NO. 42

## By The Four Aces

Among the ways of "swindling" an opponent is the device of creating a guess where no true guess really exists. For example:

South, Dealer  
East-West vulnerable

## NORTH

J 9 8 4 2

K 5

J 8 2

10 9 6

## WEST

A 7 6 5 3

Q J 7 6 2

K 6

7

## EAST

K Q 10

A 10 8 4 3

5

Q 5 4 3

## SOUTH

9

A Q 10 9 7 4 3

A K J 8 2

## The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	1♥	Pass	3♥
4♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West opened the Queen of hearts, dummy played the King, and East won with the Ace. East then returned the King of spades, and South ruffed.

South laid down the Ace and then a low diamond, and West took the diamond King. West tried to cash the Jack of hearts, but South ruffed.

It was now, apparent to East that the setting trick could be obtained only in clubs, but it was also obvious that South could successfully finesse through the club Queen unless he could be steered away from this normal line of play. So East decided to execute a swindle.

After ruffing the Jack of hearts, South laid down the Ace of clubs, and then led a low diamond to dummy's Jack. At this point, East casually discarded a low club!

South was not a particularly astute player, so he regarded this club discard as having been made from a worthless club holding. If that were so, West must have the Queen of clubs, and the only chance to make the contract lay in dropping the blank Queen in the West hand. Accordingly, South returned a club from the dummy and played his King instead of finessing. That set up East's club Queen as the setting trick, much to his glee and South's chagrin. Note that South would have finessed, but for East's deceptive discard, and the finesse would have enabled South to make his contract.

Saturday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 7 5  
♥ 8 3 2  
♦ 10 4  
♣ K 9 6 2

## The bidding:

Jacoby	Burnstone	Schmekel	You
INT.	Dbl.	Pass	(1)

ANSWER: Pass. You have a fairly strong hand for defence against one no-trump, when you consider the fact that the opening bidder and your partner must have between them every high card in the deck, aside from what you hold.  
Score: 100% for pass, 30% for two clubs.

## Question No. 737

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K 7 5  
♥ 8 3 2  
♦ 10 4  
♣ K 9 6 2

## The bidding:

Schmekel	Jacoby	Maker	You
INT.	Dbl.	2♥	(1)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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## PRIEST'S LETTER HOME

A Royal Air Force officer, writing from Cirene, the ancient capital of Cyrenaica, relates that during a terrific storm he

reached the village of Luigi di Savoia after midnight and sought shelter at the house of the village priest.

The priest opened the door himself, bade the R.A.F. officer and his party enter, and arranged sleeping places for them in his own bedroom.

"In the morning" writes the officer "we were surprised to find that in addition to ourselves the kind priest had given shelter to eight other officers. He made coffee for us and fetched water from the well.

"We asked if there was anything we could do for him in return. The result was that I have in my possession a letter. It is addressed to the priest's mother in Rome.

"He asked me to give it to her when the R.A.F. entered the Italian capital, and he seemed certain that the letter would be delivered very soon."



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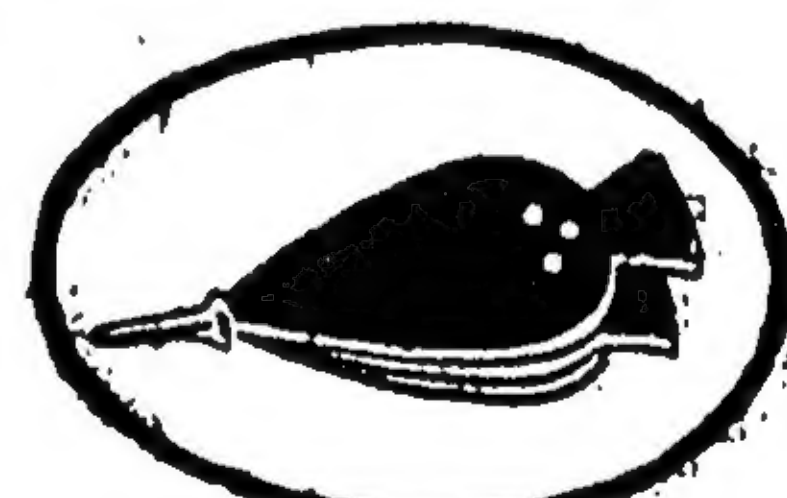
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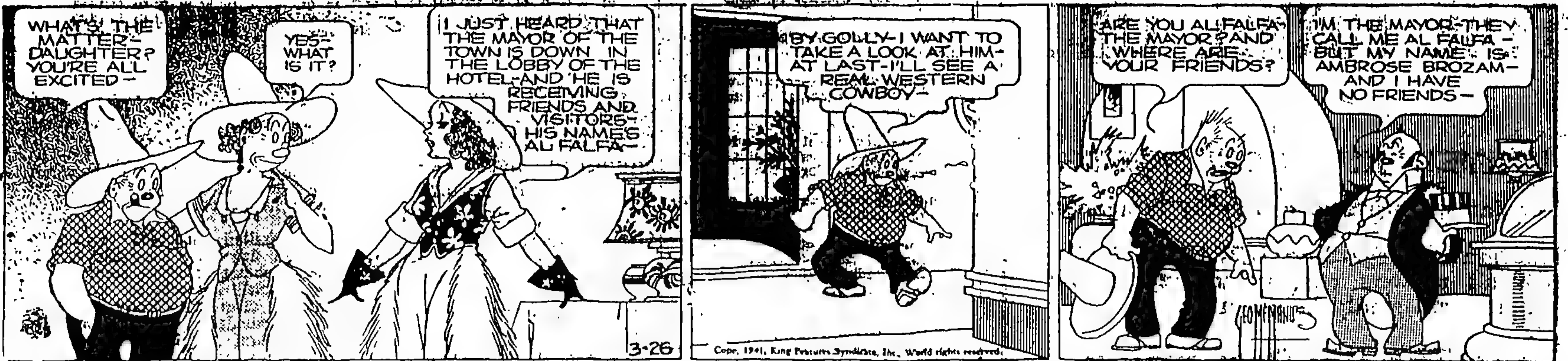
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# Blinging Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN Lovely New Fragrances Inspire Personal Daintiness

It goes without saying that a lovely perfume or cologne is the final step of careful and fragrant grooming and should never be used to cover up neglect.

How any girl or woman can whiff one of these lush brews and not be inspired immediately to indulge in a session of personal ablution to be followed with a thorough perfuming, is beyond me. It is really nice to "work up" to the perfuming--to shower, touch up toenail, and fingernails, brush hair, give self a facial and do any other bit of glamorising that is necessary. How self-confident one feels after all that! No problem is too big to lick!

### New Brews

Some very exquisite scents are making their bows this season--one literally dropped from heaven! Yes, in order to promote a lovely fragrance appropriately, one of the cosmetic houses sent thousands of tiny samples tied to gayly coloured balloons into the air. When the balloons collapsed the little vials dropped from heaven into the hands of pleased and eager women! You can bet that promotion boosted the sales!

Flower essences seem to be most favoured, as I have told you before. One exquisite mixture, which is as lasting as many heavier perfumes, comes from the old-fashioned flower Night Stock. This is to be sprayed or rubbed on while the body is warm and fresh from the bath and it is



Fashion goes flowery this season and suggests springtime fragrances of white phlox, lilac, green moss, sweet bean, night stock or hyacinth. Inspiring brews to banish winter weariness!

## If You're A Good Mother..

You won't take cocktails or spirits while carrying or nursing.

(Red or white wine with your doctor's approval is not entirely forbidden on occasions though, and sometimes stout.)

You won't allow him to gulp down his food too fast.

(Over-eating results in indigestion or the wind.)

You won't pace the floor by night or walk the pram by day to get him to sleep--unless you don't realise that he may be under-fed, or have pain.

(If he's hungry at night making the last feed later and the first earlier is a good plan.)

You won't let him lie with the sun in his face--unless (Well, just try it yourself and see what you'd say!)

You won't attempt to clean inside his mouth--unless you don't know it's just not done these days.

(It injures the delicate membranes and encourages thrush.)

You won't start to wean without expert advice--unless you don't mind risking trouble with your breasts or a crotchety baby. (Weaning's not hard, though, if you go about it the right way with the help of a chart.)

You won't worry too much because oranges are scarce and he needs their juice--unless, of course, you don't know there are substitutes.

(Grape fruit, turnip and swede juices are three--even better--are the very new Vitamin C tablets now being sold.)

as appropriate for tweeds as it is for frills and lace!

### Do A Thorough Job

If you like fragrances and do wear them, do a thorough job of perfuming yourself and your personality. Begin with scenting the bath water with salts or oil, then anoint your skin with cologne and body powder of the same fragrance, follow through by using make-up that matches and for a final dash spray your hanky, gloves and handbag with the perfume. It is possible to get an entire line of toiletries and make-up scented alike--so you will go out smelling like a lilac and looking as fresh as like another favoured flower!

Spring makes a woman yearn for new colognes and perfumes. It is just as natural as wanting a new spring hat--so if you can, indulge in your whim and buy yourself the most inspiring fragrances of the lot. If you haven't

been shopping fragrances in some time you will be surprised at the many new ones waiting for your sniffs!

## Are You A Fence Sitter?

If you are, you sit on the fence for safety, and it's the most dangerous place in the world.

Oh yes, we must all be diplomatic sometimes. Often we have to suspend judgment. We can even remain friends with both sides in a quarrel.

But to sit on the fence from policy is a policy of disaster. You can sooner make a friend out of an enemy than one who thinks you a fence-sitter.

You meet a distinguished stranger and want to impress him, so you don't commit yourself on any subject till you get a lead from him.

Yet which would he find more interesting--someone with opinions other than his or someone with no opinions at all?

Someone with influence is unjust to a friend of yours, and you know it. Your opinion is asked. You want to offend neither, so you hedge.

The result is they both despise you. Even to have chosen the wrong side boldly would have damaged you less than your shabby prudence.

If you take a chance, well, at least you HAVE a chance. If you sit on the fence you've none.

### Kitchen Hints

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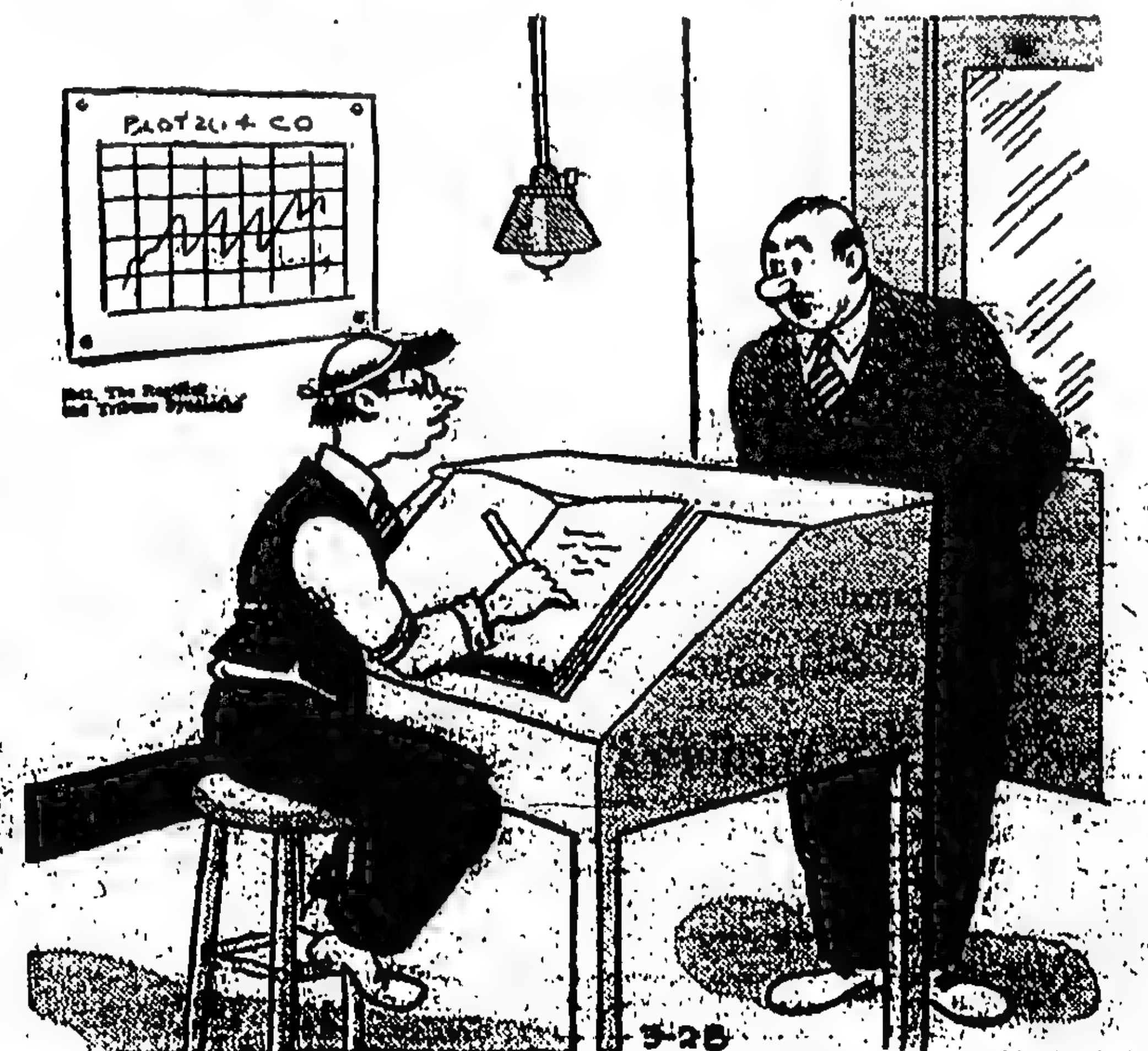
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12.30 p.m.—"Band Waggon" with Arthur Askey, Richard Murdoch and Company.

12.32 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude. "The Gay Nineties"—Waltz Medley. New Mayfair Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Film Selections.  
"Heart's Desire"—Selection.  
Cine Studio Orchestra.  
"Broadway Melody of 1940"—Between You and Me.  
I Concentrate on You.  
Mary Healy (vocal) w. Orch.  
"32nd Street"—I'd like to see Samoa of Samoa.  
Mantovani and His Orchestra.  
"Fisherman's Wharf"—Blue Italian Waters.  
Fisherman's Chantie.  
Bobby Breen (vocal) with Organ.  
"Wake Up and Live"—Selection.  
Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Billy Cotton and His Band.  
Fox-Trot—I Miss You in the Morning.  
To Mother—with Love.  
Waltz—The Umbrella Man.  
Fox-Trot—I'm a little Prairie Flower.  
The Best of Friends.  
Fox-Trot—Horsy, Horsy.  
Novelty Waltz—Maybelle, Maybelle.  
Fox-Trot—We've Come a Long Way Together.  
Novelty Dance—The Handsome Terriorial.

2.13 p.m.—Close Down.

6.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Mozart—Concerto in G Major.  
1st Mov.: Allegro.  
2nd Mov.: Andante.  
3rd Mov.: Allegretto and Finale (Presto).  
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7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.36 p.m.—Songs by Theodore Challa-pine.

The Horn (Flegler).  
The Old Corporal (Dargomizsky).  
7.40 p.m.—Tchaikowsky—Romeo and Juliet—Overture Fantasia.  
William Mengelberg and His Concert Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Programme Summary and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—This week's programmes.  
8.05 p.m.—The Andrews Sisters.  
Long Time no See (Altman, Cavanaugh).

Begin the Beguine (from "Jubilee").

Tuxedo Junction (Hawkins and others).

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Quiet, Please!"—1.  
Almost a riot, with Forsythe, Seamon, and Farrell, Rupert Hazell and Elsie Day, Helen Hill, and Hermione Baddeley. B.B.C. Chorus and Variety Orchestra, conducted by Charles Shadwell. Produced by Tom Ronald.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) and The Orchestra Mascotte.

Second Waltz Medley (Robrecht).

Orchestra Mascotte.

When a Woman Smiles.

Goodbye, Little Dream, Goodbye (both from "O Mistress Mine").

Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) w. Pierre Fresnay and Orch.

Ballroom Memories—Waltz Pot-pourri (arr. Robrecht).

Orchestra Mascotte.

Au Clair de la Lune (Lull).

Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) with Clavecin.

Over Land and Sea—Waltz Pot-pourri (arr. Gotz Hohne).

Orchestra Mascotte.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on short wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Piano duets by Moreton and Kaye.

Tin Pan Alley Medley—No. 17.

Intro.: Deep Purple; We've come a long way together; The masquerade is over; Could Be; Boogie Woogie; Taint what you do.

Midnight in Mayfair (Newell Chase).

Four Hands on a Piano (Moreton Kaye).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"News from Home" by Howard Marshall.

10.15 p.m.—London Relay—"The Stones Cry Out"—2.

10.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Hawaiian Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—I used to be Colour Blind.

Let Me Whisper.

Roy Smeck and His Hawaiian Serenaders.

Waltzes—Poeme.

Delliah.

Gino Bordin and His Hawaiians.

Fox-Trot—When I Dream of You, I Dream of Old Hawaii.

Waltz—Oleary Moonlight Nights.

Charles Kama and His Moana Hawaiians.

Fox-Trot—South of Pago-Pago.

A Song of Old Hawaii.

Ray Kinney and His Hawaiian Musical Ambassadors.

Waltz—Honolulu Sweetheart of Mine.

Charles Kama and His Moana Hawaiians.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

# CROWDED HOUR

It was 4 o'clock in the afternoon and a pilot officer, out with his Spitfire squadron over occupied France was hoping the Luftwaffe would answer the challenge.

For 20 minutes the Spitfires flew up the French coast looking

for trouble. Suddenly three Me. 109s streaked over, and seven more came at them from almost straight ahead.

The fight was on, and here, in the words of the pilot officer, is what happened.

"I pulled straight up and opened fire on the leader, the target changing from semi-head-on to full broadside into the enemy aircraft's belly. Almost instantaneously there was a great burst of flame aft of the pilot.

"My machine stalled and I let her spin until I had lost about 5,000 feet. I then climbed again after the enemy formation, which had turned North. There were only five machines now, and they were descending.

"I opened fire on the rearmost aircraft and got in three bursts. The enemy aircraft turned right and half rolled. Faint white mist came from under the starboard wing root. I was forced to break contact when the remainder interfered.

"As I was flying back over the Channel I saw a Me. 109 stalk and shoot at the squadron leader's Spitfire, and then do a climbing turn to the left. The enemy aircraft had not observed me, and I opened fire when some way off, closing to point blank range.

"This Me. 109 had large black numerals and a bright green nose. I turned to continue the engagement, but broke away on seeing the enemy aircraft emitting dense clouds of black smoke and flames from its starboard side.

"The enemy aircraft appeared to be out of control and burning fiercely."

It was 4.45 p.m. when the pilot officer landed, 45 minutes from the time his adventures began. The remaining 15 minutes of the hour had their excitements too, for after landing the pilot officer learned that a sergeant in his squadron had shot down another of the Me. 109s, that his squadron leader had made a forced landing on the coast and that, though wounded, he was safe.

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## EXPORTER'S COMPLAINT

Sir, My trade connections here had contracted with their clients at Macao to deliver 30,000 gunny bags sale being contingent upon circumstances beyond their control.

Accordingly I was asked to effect arrangements for the despatch and I learnt that the Controller of Trade would grant permits after the consideration favourably of recommendations from H.B. Majesty's Consul there.

This entailed the expenditure of the time and money at Macao to convince the consul that the bags were for the legitimate use of Macao trade and not for unfriendly trade or transshipment to Indo-China. The consul, however, reduced the quantity from 30,000 to 10,000 and issued a Consular Recommendation.

We approached the Controller of Trade and he told us only then that the maximum quantity allowed per month was not to exceed a thousand bags. We felt ourselves severely taxed by the curtailment from 30,000 to 10,000 and from 10,000 to a mere 1,000. However, in order to prove to Macao clients that we were doing our best we agreed to accept to ship a thousand only and we concurrently retained lawyers to stand witness that we had endeavoured by every possible means to ship the most.

To our consternation and surprise we again heard from the Controller of Trade that even for shipment of 1,000 it was subject to his consideration whether to approve or to forbid shipment. If we could have been informed from the commencement in straight and explicit manner we would have been spared all these disappointments.

Now for the past two weeks our lawyers have been in constant touch with the Controller of Trade asking for a quicker "yes" or "no" instead of keeping us in suspense indefinitely. Until today we have had no answer.

Government officials should realise that their salaries are sure things besides their liberal home leave allowances and pensions and one wonders if they do really have serious worries and if they do for a fraction of a moment at times consider the hard lot of the merchants of these days taxed with war taxations and other trade difficulties and to stand the gross inefficiency and abuses of intolerable delays to applications for trade permits.

As a newspaper you will understand that your own existence depends upon the ability of merchants to provide funds on advertisements which is the means of maintaining a newspaper and that if merchants meet failures your paper will also suffer and hence it will be our common lot to take up a public protest to request His Excellency the Governor to give closer attention to certain Departments of the Government which in my opinion need some extra reshuffling.

JOSEPH A. GUTIERREZ.



Two nurses at Leicester Square tube station are bathing the sore eye of a man, and they are most exact and careful about their job. Eye trouble is a prevailing complaint amongst shelterers, as trains constantly pass through the station at a great speed, whirling up all the dust and dirt, so that grit easily gets into the eyes of the people. (Copyright, Fox).

## SQUADRON'S NEW DESERT HOME

The R.A.F. in the Middle East continues to break records. The latest is that of a Squadron which moved its station nearly 300 miles in three days.

Moving a squadron in the desert is no easy task. First of all the Squadron Commander, having received orders to go forward, makes a reconnaissance to choose the most suitable landing ground for his requirements. There are many details to be considered—accessibility, dimensions, water supply, vulnerability and other technical points.

Then the Medical Officer flies to the new site and tests the water—that is, if there is any water to test—and decides upon the place where he will establish his sick bay. Next comes the administration staff. This is installed and a telephone wire is laid.

The surface of the landing ground is inspected, and the bulk of the men follow in lorries, cars and in any other vehicles available. Petrol supplies and food are transported and maintenance specialists arrive, so that when the aircraft come they can go into action immediately.

In the case of the Squadron which moved 300 miles, the change was made without any interference with normal duties.

## DUKE MEETS R.A.A.F. MEN

When the Duke of Kent visited an R.A.F. station recently he showed much interest at meeting two Sergeant Pilots from Australia. But for the war the Duke would now be in Australia, as Governor General and the two Sergeant Pilots would also be there pursuing their civil occupations.

War-time duties which have kept the Duke of Kent in Britain have brought the two Australians here under the Empire Air Training Scheme. After enrolment in the Royal Australian Air Force they received their initial training in the Commonwealth, and were then drafted to Canada for flying training at one of the Empire training camps in the Dominion.

Now having completed their operational training they have taken their places in the ranks of Australians serving on flying duties in Britain.

The number of Australians arriving in Britain under the Empire Air Training Scheme is growing fast, and is likely to become much larger during the coming months, following the rapid acceleration of the scheme in Australia.

## "PROBABLES" BECAME "CERTAINTIES"

The care which is taken by Fighter Command to check the figures of enemy aircraft destroyed, and never to claim a German victim unless it has been seen to crash, is shown in the reports of two pilots who were recently operating in offensive action against the enemy over Northern France.

Neither of the two pilots concerned saw the end of his victim, and neither of the two Me.109's destroyed would have been included in the Spitfire squadron's bag, if other pilots had not seen the dog-fight and the final destruction of the enemy.

The first Spitfire pilot began a fight at 19,000 feet. Immediately blue smoke began to pour from the Messerschmidt. The German pilot began diving and turning in an attempt to get away, and the Spitfire pilot dived after him. The British fighter gave the enemy bursts from his eight machine-guns on the way down in an 18,000 feet descent at over 400 miles an hour, until they were within a thousand feet of the sea.

The enemy was still going down, and the Spitfire pilot could see his own bullets splashing in the water. He rapidly broken off the engagement and pulled out of his dive, climbing so quickly that he did not see the end of his enemy.

But a pilot of the same squadron watched the whole dog-fight and saw the Me.109 crash into the sea.

The other pilot, who was also unable to see the end of his victim, spotted the Messerschmidt beneath him and dived to attack as it passed under him. The Messerschmidt started to climb, then turned and dived in an attempt to get away. But the Spitfire was inside the enemy's turn and continued to fire, until the British fighter came so close that he was forced to break off to avoid a collision.

"When I completed my turn," records the pilot, "there was no enemy aircraft there."

And as far as he was concerned that would have been the end of his report, if another pilot had not seen the Messerschmidt crash.

On the day that the Squadron destroyed these two Me. 109's, the leader, a South African, accounted for another Me. 109. Over the French coast two Messerschmidts mistook him for a friendly aircraft and came towards him. He fired at the nearer, and it began to smoke heavily. The squadron leader was covered in oil from his enemy's engine, but he was able to see the Messerschmidt dive into the sea.

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# SCOTLAND READY FOR SUMMER SOCCER

Summer football will be seen in Scotland now that plans have been completed for a Summer Cup competition, the prizes for which will be ten War Savings certificates for each member of the winning team.

Summer games are not strange to Scotland, where the junior teams play almost throughout the year, and while senior clubs have their close season there is always a public for the game, as proved by the tournament held in 1933 during the Glasgow Exhibition.

The new tournament's preliminary round will be on the home and away system; first round matches to be played on June 7 and 14; second round on June 21 and 28, leading to the semifinals on July 5 and the final on July 12.

## ENGLAND DEFEAT WALES AT SOCCER

Wales lost 2-3 to England on Saturday at soccer after leading by two goals to one at the interval, before 20,000 spectators.

Woodward James scored for Wales before England forwards got going. Then Hagan scored, though Bryn Jones had hard luck with a header for Wales just before half-time. Wales' forwards got through together early in the second half, but Hapgood dropped back to save a final shot with the goalkeeper out of position.

Hagan equalised and soon afterwards Welsh scored the winning goal.

## YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL RESULTS

U. S. S. Asheville beat Hong Kong Baseball Club by 6 runs to 4 yesterday, while Royal Engineers, caused an upset when they defeated a strong South China side which included Winglee and Nip Lum by 9 runs to 5.

## NOT FOR SOFTIES

Captain Ed McNamara of the Northwestern University fencing team denies his is a sissy sport. He loses four pounds in each match.

Vic Aldridge, Jr., Indiana University baseball pitcher, according to the "Christian Science Monitor" is the son of the famous Pittsburgh hurler, who was pitching the Pirates to world series victories two decades ago. Young Aldridge is a senior. He lives at Terre Haute, Ind.

## SATURDAY'S BOWLS RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION			
K.B.G.C. "A"	60	C.C.C.	58
K.B.G.C. "B"	47	Rec. "A"	75
Rec. "B"	52	K.C.C.	67
K.D.R.C.	48	R.R.C.	70
I.R.C.	71	C.S.C.C.	52
SECOND DIVISION			
K.F.C.	65	Rec.	72
H.K.C.C.	68	Talkoo	48
H.K.F.C.	66	K. Tong	74
K.C.C.	64	C.C.C.	61
THIRD DIVISION			
C.C.C.	72	H.K.C.C.	40
Elec.	48	K.B.G.C.	73
Rec.	62	K.F.C.	45
Police	83	H.K.F.C.	46

## AUSTRALIANS THREATEN AMERICAN SWIMMERS

There is every prospect of Australia offering a serious threat to the United States' lead in swimming in the near future as several youths "Down Under" are showing great promise. Notable among these are Rodney Buttn, 16, and Ken Sever, 14, who have won races in record times for swimmers of their ages.

Buttn was unbeaten at 100, 200 and 400 metres in the New South Wales Intermediate and Senior Championships, and is the youngest swimmer ever to win the senior sprint title of an Australian State.

Though his fastest 100 metres is 1 1/5 seconds outside the Australian record (Bill Kendall's 60 3/5 seconds), he is advancing so swiftly that he is expected to break a minute before long. His time of 2 mins 18 1/5 seconds in the 200 metres was 3 1/5 seconds slower than the Australian record set up by Jack Medina, of the United States, but he cut 10 4/5 seconds off his best time last season. In the 400 metres, he improved on his 1940 time by 20 seconds. Buttn has a long, smooth arm action and many of his movements resemble that of the famous Andrew Charlton, of New South Wales, who created a new world record for 800 metres when he was only 15 and won his first Olympic title in Paris in 1924 at the age of 16.

Sever is the youngest Australian ever to have swum 800 metres in 11 minutes, and other youngsters of promise are Jack Erwin, National Junior Champion, who broke 68 seconds for 100 metres; Ron Chapman, who has put up the unparalleled achievement of winning three age-limit championships in three years and setting a new State record each time; and Jack Campbell, 14, who went close to one minute for 100 yards.

## YESTERDAY BOWLS MATCHES

Two League Lawn bowls matches were played at King's Park yesterday in spite of the inclement weather, when "Recreio" "A" beat "Recreio" "B" by five clear points in First Division and Craigengower Cricket Club defeated "Recreio" by 4 points to 1 in Third Division.

The First Division game between "Indian Recreation Club" and "Kowloon Docks" which was to have been played at "Sookunpop" was postponed.

### Recreio "B" Beaten

At King's Park, "Recreio" "A" beat "Recreio" "B" by five clear points in First Division of the Lawn Bowls League yesterday.

Recreio "B"			
D. C. Alves	J. Luz		
C. H. Basto	C. E. Marques		
J. C. Remedios	J. F. V. Ribeiro		
J. J. Basto	C. G. Silva		
(Skip)	(Skip)	15	22
C. Vas	F. X. Soares		
A. M. Xavier	C. Roza-Pereira		
A. M. Rodrigues	F. V. Ribeiro		
F. P. Guterres	R. F. Luz		
(Skip)	(Skip)	12	20
F. A. Machado	L. F. Xavier		
C. A. Lopes	C. M. Silva		
E. Souza	H. A. Alves		
J. E. Noronha	F. X. Silva		
(Skip)	(Skip)	13	19
Totals		40	87

### C.C.C. Beat Recreio

At King's Park, Craigengower Cricket Club beat Club de Recreio in Third Division by 2 rinks to 1 and on aggregate (4 points to 1).

C.C.C.			
L. A. Rozario	F. X. Delgado		
F. X. Monteiro	R. K. Pavri		
M. F. Pinna	C. W. Lam		
P. A. Yvanovich	N. P. Karanjia		
(Skip)	(Skip)	17	(Skip)
F. Sequeira	L. M. Roza		
H. M. Xavier	W. J. Curd		
A. F. Noronha	E. S. Franks		
M. A. Carvalho	A. J. Coelho		
(Skip)	(Skip)	23	(Skip)
C. A. Ribeiro	E. J. Tork		
E. A. R. Alves	F. K. Modi		
M. Mendonca	G. Ladd		
M. Alarcon	D. A. Rozar		
(Skip)	(Skip)	14	(Skip)
Totals		54	61

### K.C.C. Cricketers At Bowls

Members of the successful Kowloon Cricket Club's senior and junior cricket teams gathered at the Club yesterday for tiffin, following which they met in a bowls match which the second team won after an extra head by all rinks.

First XI			
A. Zimmera	H. Brokenshire		
F. R. Zimmera	K. M. Baxter		
D. Hung	R. A. Madar		
J. P. Robinson	W. W. Parsons		
(Skip)	(Skip)	16	(Skip)
E. F. Fincher	A. E. Perry		
D. J. N. Anderson	E. Cunt's		
H. D. Lloyd	F. Goodwin		
E. C. Fincher	S. A. Gray		
(Skip)	(Skip)	24	(Skip)
R. T. Broadbridge	W. C. Hung		
L. R. Burch	R. J. Fenton		
N. A. E. Mackay	R. Leigh		
T. W. Carr	G. E. Taylor		
(Skip)	(Skip)	13	(Skip)
Totals		53	69

## READING WIN LONDON CUP

Reading won the London Cup beating Brentford on Saturday by three goals to two, after sharing two goals at the interval.

Sherriff scored after 15 minutes for Reading, but half an hour later, Perry equalised. Then Poland, in goal for Brentford, punched through, attempting to save from City for Reading, but lead, but Perry again equalised, though before the end, Tisdell, released from the International match, scored the deciding goal. Mr. A. V. Alexander, chairman of the Admiralty, presented the cup to the winner's captain.

Goalkeeper, the team manager, and several players, a strong contingent, were present, and a large number of supporters, including the Admiralty, were present, and a large number of supporters, including the Admiralty, were present.

# Skips Tables

FOLLOWING IS THE RECORD OF THE SKIPS IN THE THREE DIVISIONS OF THE LEAGUE:

### FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts.
J. Shepherd (P.R.C.)	6	5	0	0	129	76	53	0	10
U. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	6	5	0	0	119	72	47	0	10
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	4	4	0	0	92	65	27	0	8
C. S. Rosset (C.C.C.)	6	4	0	1	121	73	48	0	8
S. W. Bradbury (C.C.C.)	6	4	0	1	125	85	40	0	8
R. F. Luz (Rec. "A")	6	4	0	1	120	81	39	0	8
A. P. Guterres (Rec. "B")	6	4	0	1	111	75	36	0	8
C. G. Silva (Rec. "A")	6	4	0	1	101	82	19	0	8
A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C. "A")	6	3	1	1	108	82	26	0	7
A. J. Hall (K.B.G.C. "A")	6	3	0	2	101	90	11	0	6
F. X. Silva (Rec. "A")	6	2	2	1	101	92	9	0	6
W. Mair (P.R.C.)	6	3	0	2	94	100	0	6	6
T. A. Madar (K.C.C.)	6	3	0	3	118	130	0	12	6
R. Duncan (K.B.G.C. "B")	6	2	1	2	114	108	6	0	5
R. Morrison (K.D.R.C.)	4	2	0	2	77	65	12	0	4
A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	4	2	0	2	81	75	8	0	4
A. R. Dalah (I.R.C.)	4	2	0	2	76	71	5	0	4
J. Kempton (K.D.R.C.)	4	2	0	2	73	84	0	11	4
L. Guy (K.B.G.C. "B")	6	2	0	3	93	101	0	8	4
M. N. Rakuson (C.S.C.C.)	6	2	0	3	93	101	0	8	4
J. J. Basto (Rec. "B")	6	2	0	3	87	98	0	11	4
C. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	5	1	1	3	92	104	0	12	3
L. J. Silva (Recreio "B")	1	1	0	0	17	15	2	0	2
J. G. Meyer (K.B.G.C. "B")	2	1	0	1	38	44	0	6	2
J. F. McGowan (C.S.C.C.)	5	1	0	4	88	109	0	21	2
J. McKelvie (K.B.G.C. "B")	5	1	0	4	77	105	0	28	2
B. Basto (Rec. "B")	4	1	0	3	62	92	0	30	2
T. Coleman (K.D.R.C.)	5	1	0	4	65	140	0	75	2
J. Fraser (K.C.C.)	6	0	2	4	91	123	0	32	2
F. Cullen (K.D.R.C.)	2	0	1	1	29	43	0	14	1
G. S. Sherriff (K.B.G.C. "A")	3	0	0	3	51	68	0	17	0
F. C. Pont (P.R.C.)	5	0	0	5	77	114	0	37	0
E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)	6	0	0	6	86	144	0	58	0
Totals	150	71	8	71	2907	2907	386	386	150

### SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts.
A. J. Kew (K. Tong)	5	5	0	0	444	72	72	0	10
J. L. Stephens (K. Tong)	5	4	1	0	122	85	37	0	9
O. P. Remedios (Recreio)	6	4	1	1	114	112	2	0	9
V. V. Field (K.F.C.)	4	4	0	0	114	74	40	0	8
W. MacFarlane (H.K.F.C.)	6	3	1	2	123	97	26	0	7
H. W. Randa (C.C.C.)	4	3	0	1	86	62	24	0	6
W. Meirose (T.D.R.C.)	4	3	0	1	88	65	23	0	6
T. L. Lock (C.C.C.)	4	3	0	1	85	64	21	0	6
P. Youngusband (K.F.C.)	4	3	0	1	76	67	9	0	6
W. J. Howard (K. Tong)	5	2	1	2	116	87	29	0	5
A. Seven (K.C.C.)	5	2	1	2	90	103	0	13	5
C. Gowland (P.O.C.)	4	2	0	2	102	67	35	0	4
W. J. Bagley (P.O.C.)	4	2	0	2	84	103	0	19	4
A. Jillett (P.O.C.)	4	2	0	2	69	94	0	25	4
J. A. Remedios (Recreio)	5	2	0	3	91	89	2	0	4
W. Gill (H.K.F.C.)	5	2	0	3	85	89	0	4	4
R. S. Meadows (K.C.C.)	5	2	0	3	98	106	0	8	4
M. J. Medina (C.C.C.)	4	1	1	2	73	87	0	14	3
C. G. Perella (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	33	11	22	0	2
L. A. R. Duncan (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	21	19	2	0	2
T. Ferguson (K.F.C.)	2	1	0	1	41	33	8	0	2
F. Goodwin (H.K.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	62	72	0	10	2
A. W. Brown (H.K.C.C.)	4	1	0	3	65	83	0	18	2
G. E. Coate (H.K.C.C.)	4	1	0	3	67	88	0	21	2
J. C. Chalmers (T.D.R.C.)	4	1	0	3	61	89	0	28	2
A. Brookbank (H.K.F.C.)	4	1	0	3	70	98	0	28	2
J. A. Watson (T.D.R.C.)	4	1	0	3	53	98	0	45	2
T. W. Carr (K.C.C.)	5	1	0	4	70	105	0	35	2
J. R. Soares (Recreio)	6	1	0	5	106	160	0	54	2
W. Simpson (K.F.C.)	2	0	0	2	27	38	0	11	0
H. V. Pearce (H.K.F.C.)	3	0	0	3	39	58	0	19	0
Totals	126	60	6	60	2475	2475	352	352	126

### THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts
H. Nich (K.B.G.C.)	5	4	0	1	112	79	33	0	8
R. Ogden (K.F.C.)	5	4	0	1	109	94	15	0	8
J. C. Aiken (P.R.C.)	4	3	0	1	103	69	44	0	6
A. M. Wabab (I.R.C.)	5	3	0	2	110	87	23	0	6
K. C. Hamilton (K.B.G.C.)	5	3	0	2	101	101	0	0	6
A. J. Coelho (C.C.C.)	6	3	0	2	85	90	0	5	6
B. Evans (K.F.C.)	5	3	0	2	86	99	0	13	6
J. MacDonald (P.R.C.)	4	2	1	1	89	47	42	0	5
S. M. Rumbhah (I.R.C.)	5	2	1	2	101	100	1	0	5
C. Walis (K.B.G.C.)	2	2	0	0	60	25	35	0	4
C. F. Needham (H.K.F.C.)	2	2	0	0	60	30	20	0	4
L. Gaddi (C.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	60	40	20	0	4
E. S. Abraham (H.K.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	43	31	12	0	4
N. P. Karanjia (C.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	76	64	22	0	4
G. S. Grayer (H.K.F.C.)	3	2	0	1	62	60	2	0	4
A. O. Madar (I.R.C.)	4	2	0	2	76	65	11	0	4
M. F. Alarcon (Recreio)	4	2	0	2	75	83	0	8	4
J. Russell (H.K.F.C.)	4	2	0	2	64	90	0	26	4
J. T. Smalley (K.F.C.)	5	2	0	3	102	98	4	0	4
M. A. Carvalho (Recreio)	5	2	0	3	81	85	0	4	4
L. da Rome (H.K.F.C.)	5	2	0	3	87	96	0	9	4
D. A. Rozario (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	23	10	13	0	2
W. A. Cornell (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	15	5	0	2
S. H. Strango (H.K.F.C.)	1	1	0	0	21	16	5	0	2
J. B. Glroy (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	13	15	4	0	2
B. J. Lacon (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	16	4	0	2
C. C. Pereira (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	27	25	2	0	2
J. F. Lunny (H.K.F.C.)	2	1	0	1	49	46	4	0	2
G. S. Ladd (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	35	36	0	1	2
A. Niasini (H.K.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	34	41	0	7	2
F. Channing (P.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	67	58	0	1	2
P. C. Morgan (H.K.F.C.)	3	1	0	2	55	64	0	9	2
K. Sloan (H.K.F.C.)	3	1	0	2	51	83	0	32	2
P. A. Vyanyich (Recreio)	4	1	0	3	75	75	0	0	2
D. A. Mansell (H.K.F.C.)	4	1	0	3	71	80	0	9	2
A. E. Carey (P.D.C.)	1	0	0	1	23	24	0	1	0
A. Aiken (K.B.G.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	21	0	5	0
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	21	0	5	0
B. S. Carey (H.K.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	21	0	5	0
O. S. Gahagan (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	20	0	5	0
B. C. Butler (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	14	19	0	5	0
A. S. Mansell (H.K.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	12	23	0	11	0
S. A. Edwards (H.K.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	13	20	0	16	0
C. Stephens (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	31	0	16	0
A. F. Carvalho (Recreio)	1	0	0	1	3	31	0	23	0
G. E. F. Thompson (K.B.G.C.)	2	0	0	2	27	38	0	11	0
A. McKellan (H.K.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	31	49	0	18	0
P. A. (C.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	34	56	0	22	0
A. F. Paul (H.K.F.C.)	3	0	0	3	35	57	0	32	0



# TWENTIETH CENTURY ATHLETES PUT ACCENT ON STREAM-LINES

By "Trackster"

FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL MAN has glorified the human body. For centuries sculptors, poets and painters alike have praised the fine physiques of track and field athletes. The ancient Greeks considered imperfect physical development a disgrace, consequently even the youths sought to develop a beautiful and well proportioned body. In addition each individual aspired to excel in speed, endurance and courage. Hence it was only natural for these aspiring champions to turn to track and field sports as the media through which these qualities were to be developed.

Whether the Greeks realised it or not they were using modern science in their selection of physiques. For centuries, since the fall of Greece, too much stress has been laid on heavy large bunched muscles in the realm of sport. Such a type of muscle now is considered useless in our modern stream-lined athletic programme with the exception of such sports as wrestling and even here amateurs prefer a lighter type of muscle.

## Cave-Men Out Of Date

Roughly speaking, from a layman's point of view there are two types of muscle—the long and stringy muscles and the heavy bunched type. Since modern athletics have abandoned the old idea of brute strength and introduced rhythm, co-ordination and speed, the 20th century athlete is built more along the long, lean and limber lines rather than the stocky cave-man breed of the past.

The reason for this change is that the heavy type of muscle is slow and awkward. A comparison might be an ox representing the heavy muscle and a fox typifying the stringy type. The assault on the records in every branch of sport during the last twenty years should prove to any doubting individual that this new theory is correct. The main reason that the heavy muscle is slower is because the human body is made up of layers of muscles. Therefore if the outer layers have to cross great masses of bulging muscles in their action, the resistance is much greater than that created by long stringy, flat muscles. However, one should not get the idea that the 20th Century athlete is a pale hollow chested specimen; the emphasis is now no longer on great bulging biceps.

## Moderation In Training

Many narrow minded critics are prone to belittle the values of track and field sports. To begin with, one must remember that any recreation or business in moderation is not harmful but when it becomes a mania then it is to be laid aside. Many folks fail to remember this and then when some aging runner or jumper develops heart trouble or some other such ailment they nod their heads and say, "What did I tell you?" Training in any sport should be taken seriously but not to the extent of inflicting bodily injuries.

Training improves the nervous and muscular control so that co-ordination of the mind and body approaches the ultimate perfect-



## TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Only one match in the First Division of the Tennis League will be played to-day, when Hong Kong University Tennis Club meet South China Athletic Association, at Pokfulam. The other matches have been postponed owing to Volunteer Duties.

organs are developed to their fullest during your training and if you stop too suddenly you may weaken them. At the end of the season taper off so that your organs have a chance to re-adjust themselves to the new mode of living.

3. Keep a close watch over your health in and out of season. If during training you lose too much weight over a short period consult a doctor and accept his advice.

4. Remember that athletics are for RECREATION and are not a business; relax and enjoy them and don't take them too seriously.

## Keep These Points In-Mind

The aspiring athlete should keep several points in mind.

1. Never keep at one activity too long as it will become like a drug and you will either go at it too strenuously or will lose interest in it entirely. Mix in other sports out-of-season.

2. Never quit strenuous training too suddenly. Your heart and

## NO SWIMMING INTERPORT WITH MANILA

The Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation are unable to obtain permission from the State Department to send a team of swimmers and divers to the Colony for an Interport Swimming contest. This was learned from Mr. L. R. Nelson, local representative of the P.A.A.F., who has just received a letter to that effect from Dr. Ylanan, Secretary-Treasurer of the P.A.A.F.

The Philippine governing sports body have proposed as an alternative that Hong Kong send a representative team to Manila later in the season.

## Eastern's Successes

The visiting Eastern Football team from Hong Kong played their third match in Australia on Saturday, when they beat Newcastle and the Northern Districts by 5 goals to 3.

Yesterday they beat Granville by 7 goals to 4.—Reuter.

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# R.A.F. BOMBING BLOWS

## Nazi Ships Attacked Along Coast Of Europe

### GERMAN 'PLANES ON WAY TO ALEPPO

German 'planes were rumoured to have been seen flying very high over Hatai, south-western Turkey, by night, going to Aleppo.

They were outside the range of A.A. guns, the reports from Ankara added.—Reuter.

### APPEAL TO FRENCH IN SYRIA

Hope of securing Arab and French cooperation in the task in Syria was expressed in a Cairo Middle East communique yesterday which, referring to Syria, says:

"Early this morning, Allied Forces under the command of General Wilson, crossed the frontier into Syria with the object of eliminating German personnel and influence from certain areas in which they are securing a dominating position through continued infiltration.

"If allowed to proceed unchecked,

## Daylight Campaign Success

THE AIR MINISTRY ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY FURTHER BLOWS BY THE R.A.F. BOMBER COMMAND ON SATURDAY IN THE THREE-MONTHS OLD DAYLIGHT CAMPAIGN AGAINST ENEMY SHIPPING FROM NORWAY TO THE MEDITERRANEAN.

It has already been announced that a convoy of supply ships off the Dutch coast was attacked during the morning and two ships set afire and probably destroyed. Other vessels in this convoy were damaged.

Later in the day, the communique also discloses, bomb and machine-gun attacks were made on an escorted supply ship off the Norwegian coast and other vessels in convoy off the Dutch coast.

A salvage ship lying beside a large submerged wreck off Terschelling and surrounded by anti-aircraft ships, was bombed and set on fire.

ed, the establishment of German bases in these areas might endanger the security of the Allied situation in the Middle East and lead to the Arab countries being seized by the Axis Powers.

"It is hoped to secure both French and Arab cooperation in this task.—Reuter.

Two British bombers were hotly engaged by German fighters on the way back. One enemy fighter was damaged.

#### Offensive Patrols

Eighty-three ships have been sunk in daring low-level attacks by R.A.F. bombers in the past three months. It is officially announced.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Pease, Commander-in-Chief, Bomber Command, in a special Order of the Day, congratulated the pilots on their success on Saturday.

Aircraft of the Fighter Command carried out offensive patrols over the Straits of Dover and occupied territory.

#### Bergen Docks Raided

Three British bombers and a fighter are missing from Saturday's daylight operations.

The R.A.F. attack on Saturday night on the German naval base at Brest is described by the Air Ministry as successfully carried out in spite of sea fog which made observation difficult, and many sticks of bombs were dropped across the docks. Coastal Command aircraft attacked docks and shipping at Bergen during the night. No British bombers were lost.—Reuter.

## ANKARA IS STILL WONDERING

Well-informed circles in Ankara are wondering whether German provocation in Syria is not designed to distract the British while the main attack on Egypt is launched from Libya.

It was pointed out that airborne troops would be useless in Syria in the face of heavy tanks which the British are able to bring into action, while the task of supplying the Germans in Syria would be extremely hard owing to the proximity of numerous British air bases.

There are, the Turks argue, the British should take over Syria as quickly as possible before German preparations for a Libya attack are complete.

TURKEY'S OWN POSITION BENEFITED BY THE WITHDRAWAL OF GERMAN TROOPS FROM GREECE AND BULGARIA, MAINLY TO MOLDAVIA, AND MILITARY EXPERTS EXPRESS THE OPINION THAT IT WILL TAKE THE GERMANS AT LEAST A MONTH TO BUILD UP THE ARMIES IN THESE AREAS TO THEIR FORMER STRENGTH.—REUTER

#### DEATH

BULLOCK—Gladys Beatrice, beloved wife of Harry Bullock and elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tomlin at the War Memorial Hospital on 8th June, 1941. Coriège will pass the Monument at 3.15 p.m. today.

## Blitz Coming In Near East

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Preparations are being made in Cairo for a full-scale mechanised war in the Middle East.

German plans defy orthodox desert war procedure, but it is doubtful if they can launch a tank battle in 125 degs. of heat.

Furthermore, in the autumn, the Germans will have to fight with American material against them, but the Germans are moving to equip their desert army despite the fact that the British navy has sunk tens of thousands of tons of convoys.

British troops, who had served in the Balkans, are being rushed to reinforce the Army in the Middle East and another factor that has to be borne in mind is that the Germans do not like to fight in the heat.—International News Service.

## U.S. NAVAL PATROL IN CARIBBEAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, revealed yesterday that the United States has an agreement for a daily naval warship and aeroplane patrol in the French islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe.

The U.S. Navy also has an observer stationed at Martinique, he added.

Replying to a letter from Senator Mead, of New York, urging United States acquisition of French possessions in the western hemisphere, Mr. Hull said the State Department was "giving full and careful consideration" to problems presented by French possessions in the western hemisphere.—International News Service.

## FIERCE BATTLES IN SYRIA

(Continued from Page 1)

General Dentz's second communique said: "British troops continued their attack in the south throughout the day. Our forces are defending themselves brilliantly along the whole line."

"Three enemy aircraft have been brought down and several armoured vehicles destroyed."

Beirut was bombed at 3.30 and 6.30 p.m. The first raid was without result but in the second two small oil storage tanks were hit, causing a fire.

The aerodromes near Damascus, Neras and Rayak were bombed but no serious damage was caused.—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

British troops are also advancing into Syria from Iraq along the River Euphrates, according to a Vichy report quoted by Reuter.

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## FIERCE BATTLES IN SYRIA R.A.F. Supports Blitz Advance

### BRITISH LAND IN LEBANON

An announcement that British warships landed a detachment of troops armed with Tommy-guns on the coast of Lebanon, south of Beirut, yesterday morning, was made last night by the Vichy news agency.

The British naval forces, adds the agency, consisted of one battleship, two cruisers and five destroyers which had been previously seen cruising off Beirut. The agency asserts the troops were "promptly taken prisoners."

Latest position of the fighting in Syria was given by the Vichy agency last night.

"Strong motorised and armoured detachments of British and de Gaulle troops, supported by artillery, are attempting to advance along the road leading from the Syrian frontier to Damascus."

"Our troops of all arms, whom this unprecedented attack has not taken unawares, are bravely doing their duty."—Reuter.

### WEYGAND RELUCTANT TO FIGHT

The entry of British troops into Syria has caused "consternation and indignation" in political circles in Vichy, telegraphs the correspondent of the Zurich newspaper, "Neue Zuercher Zeitung."

The correspondent adds that Vichy considers the situation extremely tense and it is suggested that events in Syria may have "unexpected consequences" on Franco-British relations.

The same paper in an editorial says the probable explanation why General Weygand refused to go to Syria is that he is opposed to any action against General de Gaulle's forces, holding that such action will lead France towards war with Britain.

The Zurich newspaper "Die Weltwoche" reports from Berlin that it is believed there the British action will bring France closer in relations with Germany. It adds: "France is expected now to enter in closer military and diplomatic relations with Germany regardless of the opinion of Great Britain and the United States."

### PETAIN AND DARLAN IN A HUDDLE

Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan hurriedly conferred as soon as the news of the advance into Syria reached Vichy, states Rome Radio, quoted by Reuter from London this morning.

### Three- Sided Attack

"The British and Free French invasion of Syria and Lebanon is developing into a large scale three-sided attack from the British controlled territories of Palestine, Transjordan and Iraq."

This is reported by the correspondent of the National Broadcasting Corporation, Martin Agronsky, from Ankara Radio.

He cited reports that the British Mediterranean Fleet is cruising within gunshot range of Syrian ports.

The main British objectives, according to Mr. Agronsky's information, are Zare, Beirut, Aleppo and Damascus.

The forces from Palestine are apparently using the Haifa-Beirut coast road.

MR. AGRONSKY COMMENTED THAT THE ONLY WAY THE GERMANS CAN HELP VICHY IN SYRIA IS BY AIR AND THE NEXT FEW DAYS WILL SHOW IF THEY HAVE MADE EFFECTIVE POLITICAL GROUNDWORK IN SYRIA BEFORE BEGINNING MILITARY ACTION.—REUTER.

### U.S. ARMS FACTORY GUTTED

FIRE "PRACTICALLY DESTROYED" ONE WHEELING MACHINE PRODUCTS COMPANY FACTORY AT WHEELING (WEST VA) WHICH WAS MAKING SHELL FITTINGS. CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS UNKNOWN.

The Sunday shift of workmen fled to safety and the flames spread rapidly through the sprawling building.

The banks of the Ohio River are on fire. An inspector said that the plant is practically destroyed.

## British Attacking Along Main Road To Damascus

ALTHOUGH OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN CAIRO ARE AS YET RETICENT REGARDING THE PROGRESS OF THE BRITISH, IMPERIAL AND FREE FRENCH FORCES WHICH STARTED THE INVASION OF SYRIA AT 2 O'CLOCK ON SUNDAY MORNING, IT IS KNOWN THAT THE ADVANCE INTO THE TERRITORY IS PROCEEDING AND THAT FIERCE FIGHTING HAS OCCURRED, AND IS STILL RAGING, SOME 20 MILES FROM THE SYRIAN FRONTIER.

While Cairo announces that the Allied troops advancing into Syria have made some progress, it is not known in Cairo whether opposition has been encountered or what are the reactions of the French in Syria, and authoritative Cairo circles are without any very definite news of the situation.

It is officially announced by R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East, however, that British fighters covering the Allied advance into Syria have encountered no opposition.

Only actual news of fighting comes from Vichy, where a British troops attacked the southern frontier of Syria and Lebanon from 3.45 yesterday morning and "contact was made with our advance posts, which engaged the enemy in accordance (Continued on Page 16)

The announcement says fierce battles are going on in the mountains of Djebel Druze, just south of Suweida, which is about 20 miles from Syria's frontier with Transjordan and some 55 miles south-south-east of Damascus.

### On Road To Damascus

The Vichy news agency says that "strong motorised and armoured detachments" of British and Free French troops, supported by artillery, are encountering resistance on the road to Damascus.

General Dentz's headquarters are at Beirut, and the first communique from there announces that the R.A.F. bombed the aerodrome at Mezzo, near Damascus, yesterday morning, "causing damage but no casualties."

The R.A.F. have twice raided Beirut, setting fire to oil dumps.

### BERNHARD IN CANADA

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands has arrived unexpectedly from England for a fortnight's visit to see Princess Juliana and his two daughters in Ottawa.

### GALLANT POLISH DESTROYER

THE PART PLAYED BY THE POLISH DESTROYER, PIORUN, IN THE OPERATIONS AGAINST THE BISMARCK, IS DESCRIBED IN AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE, ISSUED LAST NIGHT IN LONDON, AS "VERY GALLANT AND EFFICIENT."

The Piorun engaged the Nazi battleship in a "most spirited manner" after being the first in the destroyer force to spot the enemy.

She sustained no damage or casualties although she came under heavy fire from the Bismarck.—Reuter.

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## P.W.D. MEN STILL ON STRIKE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL.") Shanghai P.W.D. coolies are still on strike against the dismissal of a foreman whose immediate reinstatement is demanded. Pickets armed with stones attacked non-strikers and damaged a P.W.D. truck. Several agitators were arrested. Meanwhile fillets of the Shanghai Waterworks are still on strike.—International News Service.

## SUICIDALLY LOW NAZI BOMBING

WHILE THE BRITISH AND FREE FRENCH FORCES ENTERED SYRIA, THE GERMANS LAUNCHED A SECOND SAVAGE AIR ATTACK ON ALEXANDRIA, SUBJECTING THE CITY TO YET ANOTHER VICIOUS ALL-NIGHT BLITZ.

Nazi squadrons, swooping to almost suicidally low altitudes, showered high explosive and incendiary bombs wide and far, causing death and destruction at several points in the city. Considerable damage was done in the European and Arab residential quarters alike and it is feared that hundreds were killed and injured.

Fires were started but were promptly controlled.

The main attack developed in the port area where a number of planes zoomed through a veritable hell of fire put up by British and Greek warships.

Amidst the inferno of screaming and exploding shells the enemy seemed determined to press home the attack but failed to hit a warship or any military objective.

The roaring of A.A. guns died away towards dawn when Alexandria's heaviest and most sustained raid came to an end.

From Malta, too, comes an official account of a raid by several enemy aircraft on Saturday night when planes attacking the island singly dropped bombs which, however, caused slight civilian damage and no casualties. In fact there was neither Service damage nor casualties.

One Italian light bomber was shot down by R.A.F. fighters and another so badly damaged that it probably did not reach its base.

Yesterday morning, enemy aircraft approached the coast but a raid did not materialise. — Reuter.

## BRITISH FLEET AT SEA

THE BRITISH AIRCRAFT-CARRIERS ARK ROYAL AND FURIOUS, THE BATTLE-CRUISER RENOWN, AND THE CRUISER SHEFFIELD, WITH FLOTILLAS OF TORPEDO-BOATS AND SUBMARINES, LEFT GIBRALTAR FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN AT DAWN YESTERDAY.

This is according to a dispatch from La Linea to Vichy yesterday.

It was also reported from La Linea that 10 merchantships coming from the Mediterranean anchored at Gibraltar yesterday morning. — Reuter.

## HEAVY DEATH ROLL IN "ALEX" RAID

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the British Mediterranean Fleet)

THE NAZI BLITZING of Alexandria now appears to be starting in earnest with frequent reconnaissance flights from which one aircraft was shot down yesterday afternoon and a large scale bombing extending even to suburbs.

Although no official figures are available, enquiries at various hospitals indicate that very many were killed while the injured were very numerous.

The city to-day presents a remarkable sight with miles of long caravans of evacuating Egyptian families who commandeered every available vehicle, piling them high with their bedding, scant furniture and ancient horned gramophones, while the less fortunate slowly plod along the roads leading from the city with bedding and other bundles perched on their heads and carrying children. At the same time they drive a few miserable goats ahead of them.

Whole families of from eight to 10 people crowded into taxis which were almost unobtainable in the town for any other purpose.

### Bomb Havoc

The railway station throughout the day has been an indescribable spectacle being crowded with literally thousands of Arabs boarding special and ordinary trains on which it was impossible to make normal reservations.

Owing to the structure of the native houses, which are mostly mud, the bombs caused great havoc especially as the poorer quarter is extremely congested.

Despite this exodus there are no signs of panic or disorder, only resentment at the German ruthlessness. — Reuter.

## FIGHTER SUPPORT IN SYRIA

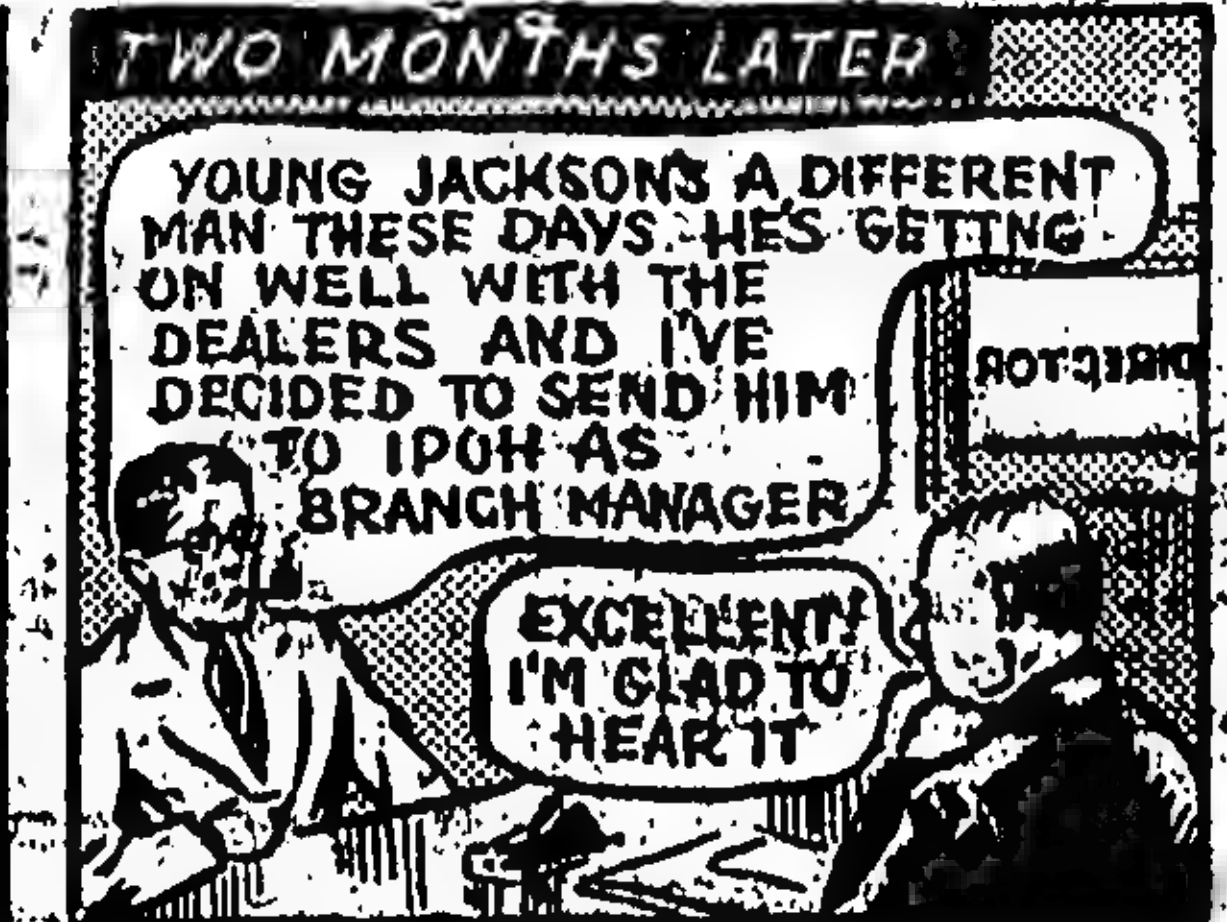
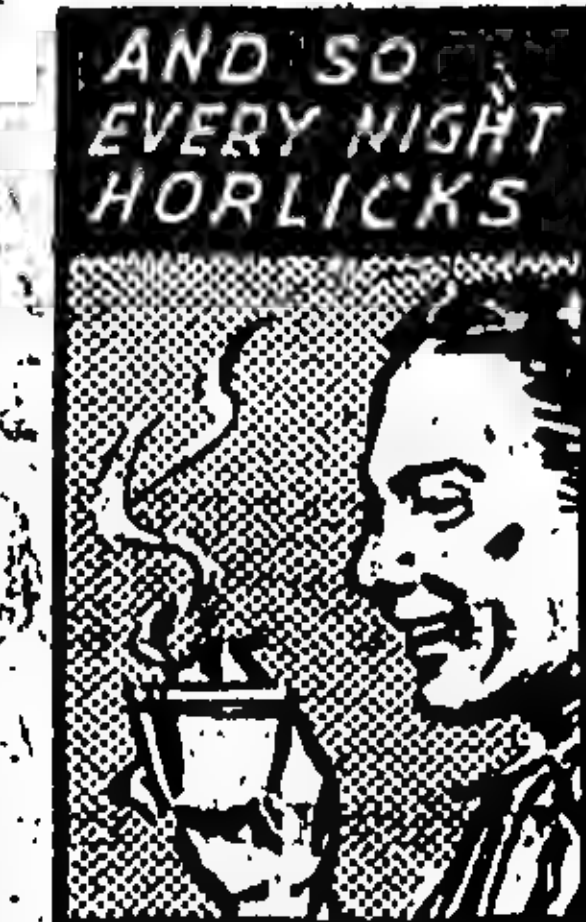
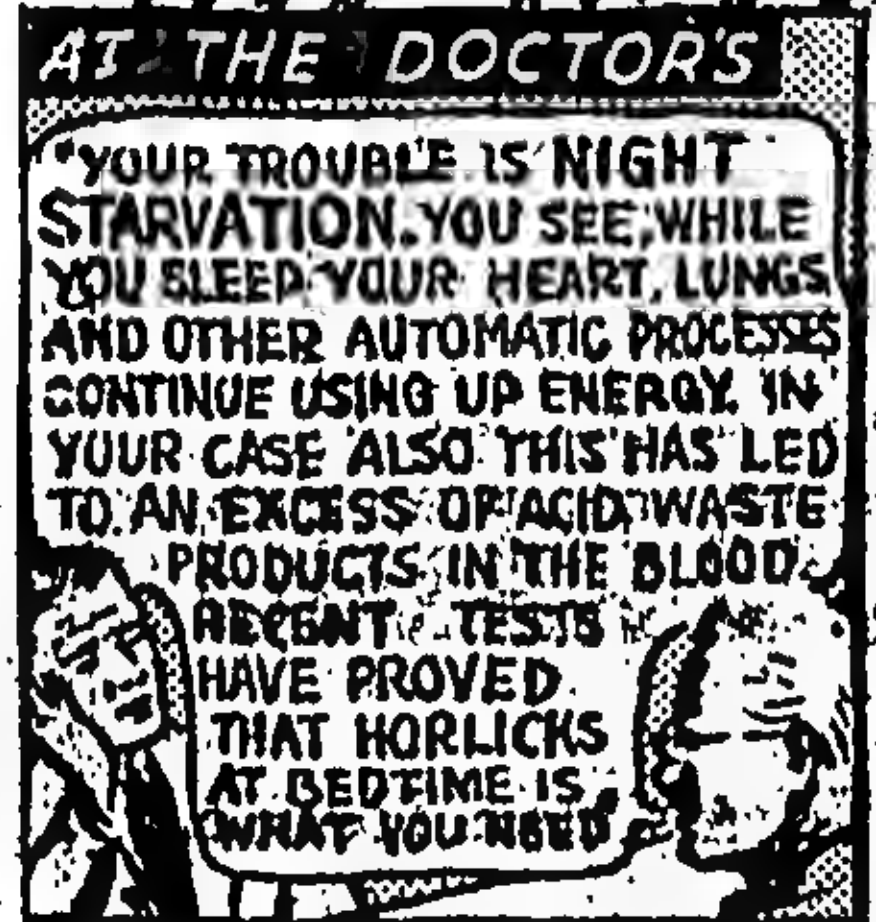
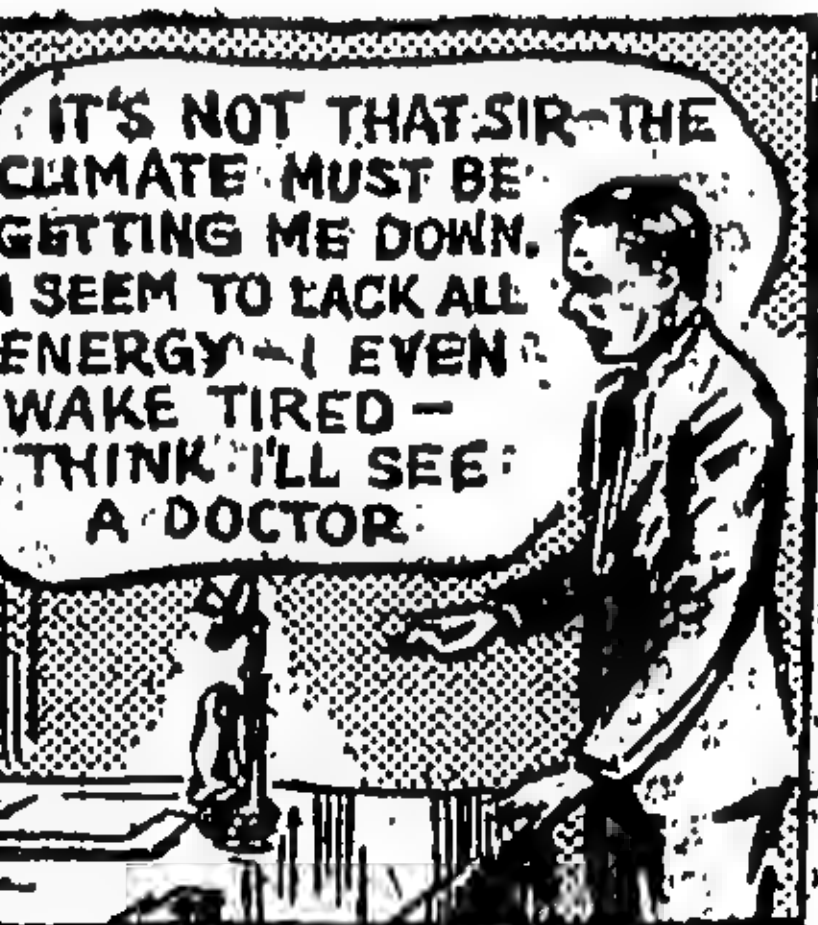
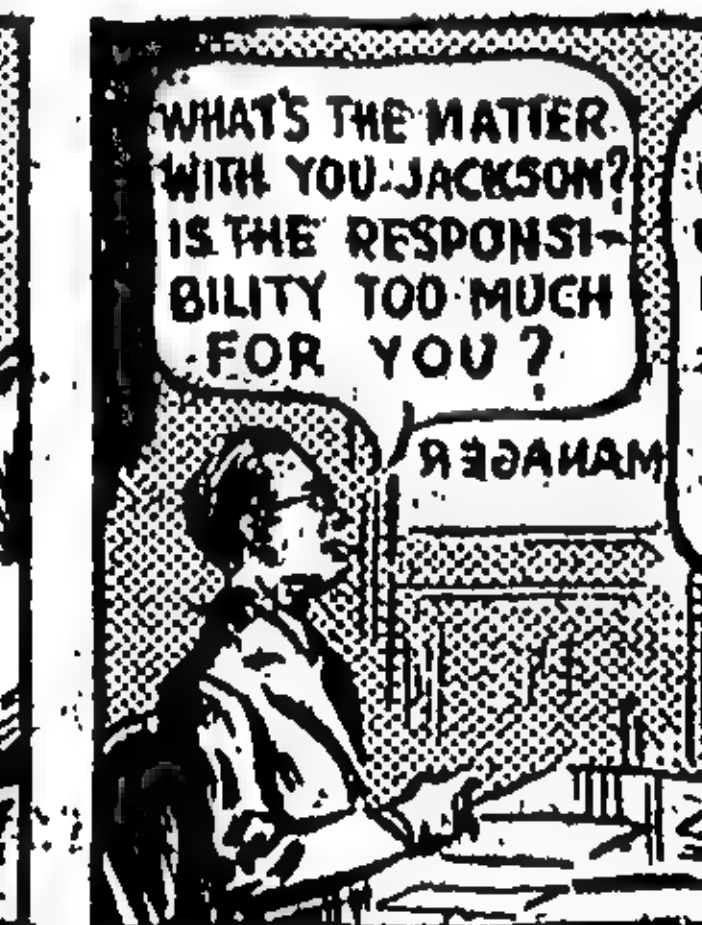
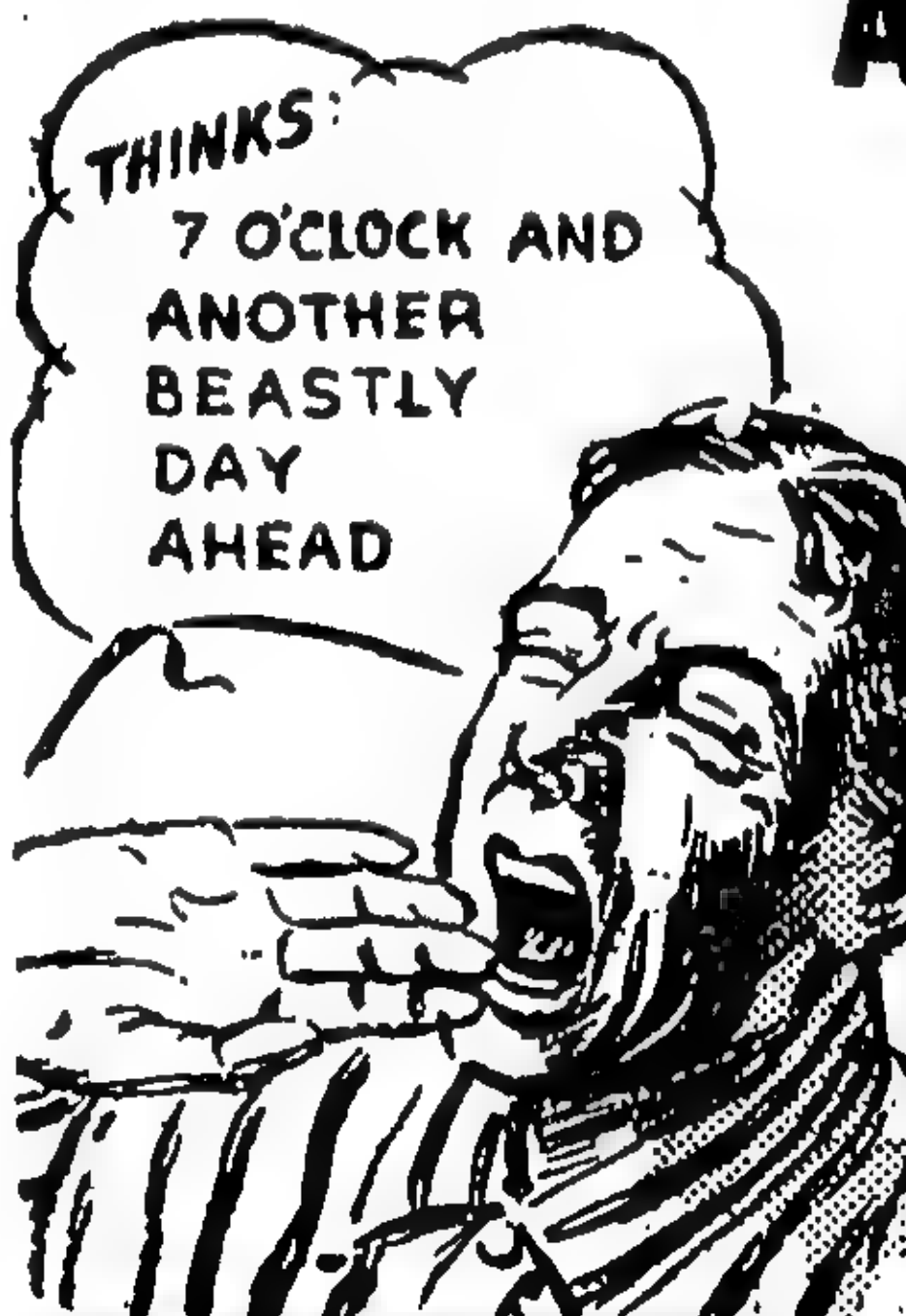
FIGHTER SUPPORT FOR THE ALLIED TROOPS IN SYRIA IS REVEALED IN A SPECIAL R.A.F. MIDDLE EAST COMMUNIQUE LAST NIGHT.

It says R.A.F. aircraft gave full support to the British, Imperial and Allied troops which crossed into Syria at dawn on Sunday.

Fighter aircraft which patrolled the sky over our advancing troops met with no opposition.

R.A.F. fighters intercepted and shot down a Cant 100 bomber over Alexandretta on Sunday. The bomber was seen to crash near Aram.

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# GERMANS OPERATING FROM SPAIN COLONY

## Nazi 'Planes Based At Rio De Oro

GERMAN LONG-RANGE BOMBERS, IT WAS REPORTED IN LONDON YESTERDAY, ARE OPERATING FROM RIO DE ORO, THE NORTH-WEST AFRICAN SPANISH COLONY, AGAINST BRITISH CONVOYS IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC.

A British ship has just been sunk off East Africa by a lone 'plane, believed to have come from the Luftwaffe force stationed at Dakar, Casablanca or Rio de Oro.

Britain is watching the moves of the Spanish authorities in this part of the world, it was declared in London, and the Royal Navy is also ready again to take action against the Vichy Fleet.

Some quarters hint, in connection with the Syria operations, that incidents "more fearsome" than the Oren and Dakar fights may soon be witnessed.

### Panzers In Morocco

Reports have been received that French army transports are moving panzer troops and infantry from Marseilles to Spanish Morocco, opposite French Morocco.

Spain has also been building up an air force, composed of Italian and German planes, in Spanish Morocco, a good hopping off point for bombing Gibraltar. —International News Service.

## SELASSIE THANKS INDIANS

Haile Selassie has sent a special personal message of thanks to the Indian divisions which so greatly helped in overthrowing Italian rule in Abyssinia.

The message states: "I am well aware of the sympathy which the Indian public and press have shown for my people throughout the years of their misfortune and opposition, and I am grateful for it."

"I am even more grateful for the magnificent part which the Indian troops recently played in the liberation of my country. Their training in mountain warfare enabled them, at Keren and afterwards at Amba Alagi, to scale precipitous heights and capture positions which seemed impregnable."

"Their courage to face an enemy superior in numbers and armed with the most modern weapons, excited the admiration of all who know what they have done."

"I wish to express to all ranks of the Indian divisions who fought in the campaign of freedom of my country, the sincere thanks of my country, myself and my people."

The message was signed on May 30 by the Emperor himself seated at his writing table in the magnificent palace built by the Duke of Aosta. —Reuter.

## RUSSO-GERMAN TALKS, SNAGS

WHILE BOTH LONDON and Berlin are concerned regarding the Soviet attitude, it is considered in neutral circles that something has gone wrong with the German-Russian negotiations.

A certain sharpening in these relations seems discernable, it was stated in Stockholm yesterday.

The Germans profess to find some satisfaction in the fact that the Russian radio has increased German language broadcasts while abstaining from anti-German propaganda.

The Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm newspaper "Demokraten," commenting on the journey of Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador in Moscow, says German newspapers are asking how Sir Stafford will make his journey to London in compliance with Mr. Eden's request.

They point out that any journey from Sweden to Britain must go over German-controlled areas.

Complete silence is maintained in Stockholm on the subject. —Reuter.

## 1,000 KILLED IN E. AFRICA

A Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday says: "Libya: Tobruk. Artillery on both sides has been active."

"Abyssinia: After crossing the River Omo in two places, East and West African troops are pressing forward."

"At the northern crossing alone, the enemy lost over 100 dead, leaving 1,000 or more prisoners in our hands."

"In addition we captured 20 guns, 200 lorries, many machine-guns and quantities of war material. The retreating enemy forces are being vigorously pursued."

"Iraq: The situation remains calm." —Reuter.

## FRANCE HAS 45,000 TROOPS IN SYRIA

France is thought to have about 45,000 troops in Syria, of whom a third to a quarter are white.

The others are Senegalese, Algerians, Tunisians, Syrians, Lebanese and possibly some Indo-Chinese.

It is believed that the French forces have a certain number of tanks and there is a small air force — about 100 machines. British Wireless.



This picture was taken during a visit to the Women's Auxiliary Air Force School of Instruction at a mansion taken over by the R.A.F. in the Home Counties. Here members of the W.A.A.F. undergo a two weeks Officers Training Course. (Copyright, Fox).

## ISOLATION "THING OF THE PAST"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") ADMIRAL HARRY YARNELL, formerly in command of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet, declared in Hoboken yesterday: "Fight now while Britain and China are our allies."

Admiral Yarnell, who was "speaking at Stevens Institute of Technology Commencement Day, continued: "Isolation is a thing of the past and our safety and welfare are threatened."

"If Britain and China fall we alone will guard Democracy. Europe and China must be returned to their people."

In another address yesterday, Mrs. Roosevelt, speaking at St. Paul, Minn., was applauded by an audience of 12,000 when she declared: "None in his sane mind wants to go to war but just the same a lot of people in Europe who haven't wanted to go to war have found war in their countries."

While Mrs. Roosevelt was being introduced, five youths caused a disturbance in the balcony by booing and were escorted from the building.

### Col. Lindbergh Contradicted

Twenty women pickets stood outside the building carrying crudely marked placards denouncing war and aid to Britain. They refused to say what organizations they represented.

One sign read: "Who's President, Franklin or Eleanor?" Mrs. Roosevelt in her address sharply contradicted the isolationist statements of Senator Burton Wheeler and Col. Lindbergh though not mentioning them by name. —International News Service.

### GEN. WILSON IN CHARGE

General Wilson, G.O.C., Palestine, is in charge of the whole Syrian operation, in which the Allied troops are supported by air, craft and include British, Australian, Indian and Free French. It was learned in London yesterday. —Reuter.

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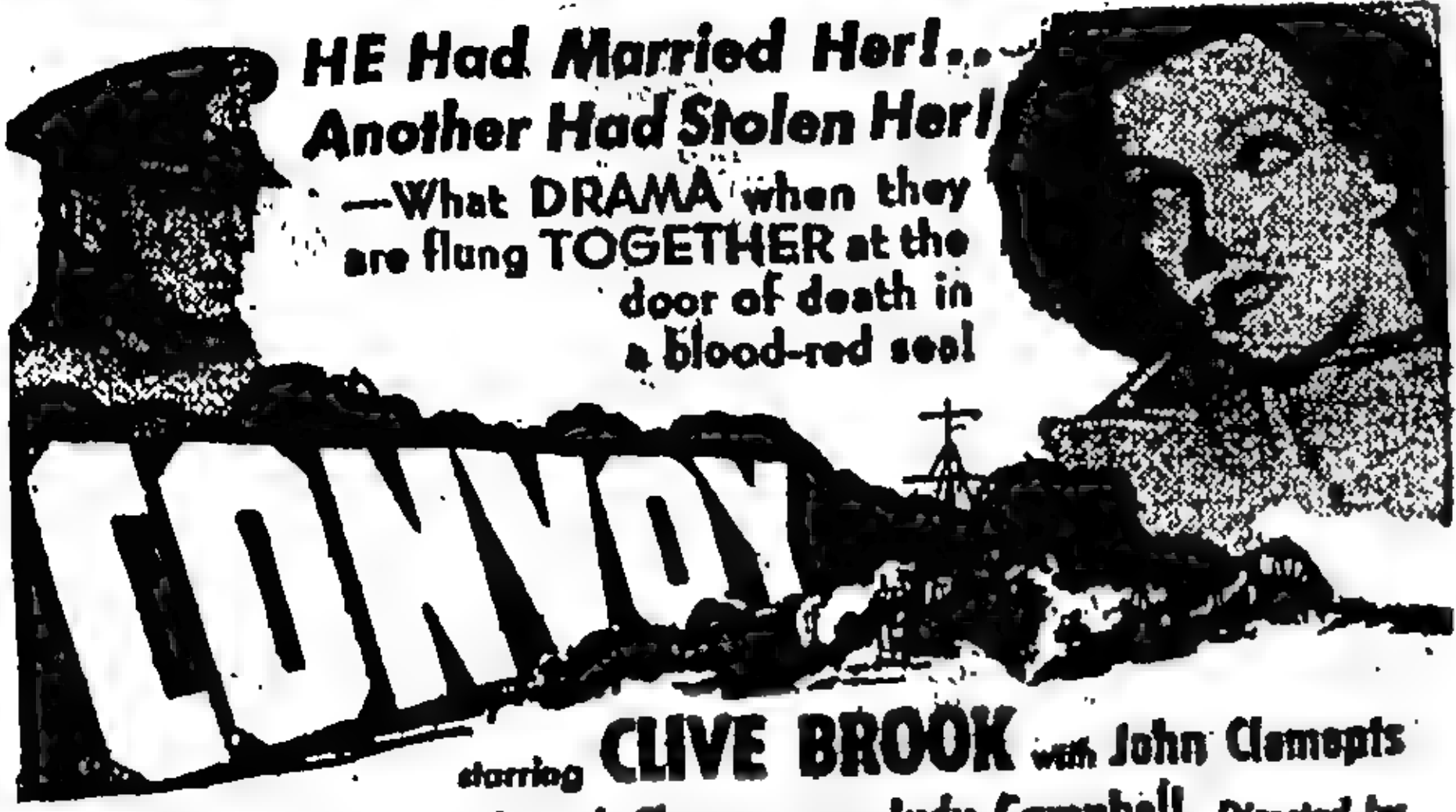
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# SYRIA INVASION STARTS IN NICK OF TIME

THE MOVE BY THE British and the Free French to prevent the Germans assuming control of Syria and turning it into a battleground was taken in the nick of time, as evidence was accumulating of growing German infiltration.

It is understood that General Dentz, French High Commissioner in Syria, was recently informed by Vichy that a German Mission would arrive at Aleppo about June 15 to take over control and administration of the Aleppo district. The seriousness of such action requires no emphasis.

It was also learned that early in May, General Huntziger informed General Dentz that Admiral Darlan, in the course of a conversation with Hitler, had conceded air bases in Syria to the Germans, and General Dentz was asked to report, for the information of the disarmament commission, whether this was likely to cause trouble in the Syrian army and if so, to suggest how the position could be overcome. General Dentz suggested in reply that the aerodrome should be used by the Germans in transit.

## Two Important Declarations

While not under-estimating the importance of the declaration granting liberty and independence to Syria and Lebanon, the economic provisions of the British and Free French declarations are almost equal in importance.

Since France's capitulation, the economic life of Syria has been almost paralysed, imports falling to the minimum and hampered by grave exchange difficulties, while oil has ceased to run through the pipeline to Syria.

The declarations contain promises of economic revival with the lifting of the blockade, granting opportunities to enter into relations with the sterling block.

There seems a good probability that Syria is disgusted with the Germans and tired of Vichy and will accept the offered independence and help the Free French to drive the Germans from the country. — Reuter.

## Resistance Useless

General Wavell, in a proclamation to the soldiers of France in Syria, justifies the British action by describing that Syria and Lebanon were "the first stage" in the German conquest of the French colonies.

"We have come in considerable force and any resistance on your part would be useless," added General Wavell.

The British Ambassador to Egypt, Sir Miles Lampson, yesterday issued an authorised announcement intimating that if the peoples of Syria and Lebanon supported the Allies, the blockade would be lifted from their country and they would immediately be able to enter the sterling bloc and would be assured of all advantages belonging to free countries associated with Britain. — Reuter.

## TRAVELS OF MEN OF VICHY

ADMIRAL DARLAN IS RETURNING TO PARIS TO RESUME THE CONVERSATIONS WITH GERMANY, ACCORDING TO THE GENEVA NEWSPAPER "LA SUISSE" YESTERDAY.

Laval reached unoccupied France yesterday at Clermont-Ferrand near Vichy, which is reported to be his eventual destination. His return has provoked much comment. General Weygand has left Vichy and French colonial regents in Africa are returning to their posts. — Reuter.

## TO END INDIAN IMPASSE

To end the political impasse, the Bengal Premier, Fazal-ul-Huq, on Saturday suggested a round table conference presided over by Lord Linlithgow in a personal capacity to bring together the Indian leaders.

He is optimistic that this may result in national governments at the centre and in the Provinces, enabling India to pull its full weight in the war effort.

The Punjab Premier, Sir Sikander Hyat Khan, repeated his suggestion for a round table conference of Premiers and leaders of parties in legislatures.

The Sind Home Minister, Sir Ghulam Hussain, appealing to leaders of all parties to unite in the utmost war effort suggested a conference of representatives of legislatures and elements outside, including the Princes.

The pro-Congress "Hindu Times" says that if an immediate settlement is "imperative in view of the threat to our security, which may assume formidable proportions any day," the most hopeful approach will be a Premiers' conference including those who are in prison to-day. — Reuter.

## CENSOR'S POWERS INCREASED

Tightening up of the Australian censorship is revealed in an amendment to the National Security Regulations.

It gives the Government power to prohibit the publication of any newspaper whose editor, printer or publisher has on more than one occasion disregarded the censorship order.

This power may be exercised when the matter is published after an order forbidding its publication has been issued.

Before exercising the power, however, the Minister must be satisfied that the publication or the continued publication is likely to prejudice the defence of the Commonwealth or the efficiency of the prosecution of the war. — Reuter.

## YUGOSLAV PROTEST IN LONDON

The Yugoslav Minister in London has handed to the Foreign Secretary the following statement, in which the Yugoslav Government protest against the attempt by Germany and Italy to annex the territory inhabited by Slovenes:—

"The Government of the German Reich and the Government of the Kingdom of Italy, after having occupied the territory of Yugoslavia by military force, have annexed Slovenia, one part to Germany and one part to Italy.

"This brutal dismemberment of the Slovene people, besides being a completely unjustifiable proceeding, is contrary to ethical principles because on this territory annexed by Germany and Italy lives a population which is absolutely compact and of pure Slovene origin.

"The Royal Yugoslav Government, which includes among its members legitimate representatives of the Slovene people, protest against these proceedings of the Government of the German Reich and the Government of the Kingdom of Italy, which proceedings are aimed to destroy the Slovene people and dismember the territory of Yugoslavia as a nation and as a State." — British Wireless.

## TERRIFIC HEAT IN DESERT

A PRESS CORRESPONDENT WITH THE MIDDLE EAST FORCES WRITES THAT THERE HAS BEEN PRACTICALLY NO ACTIVITY IN THE WESTERN DESERT, WHERE THE HEAT HAS BEEN TERRIFIC IN THE LAST FEW DAYS, THE THERMOMETER REGISTERING 135 DEGREES.

The Germans still hold Halfaya Pass and several posts, including Mussaid, along the Egyptian frontier.

At Tobruk the only activity has been spasmodic bombing.

A communique issued from British G.H.Q. in Cairo states: "On all fronts the situation remains unchanged." — British Wireless.

## EXPOSURE OF AXIS CANARD

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S VIGOROUS DENUNCIATION OF PEACE RUMOURS AND THEIR PURVEYORS OVERSHADOWED EVERYTHING ELSE OVER THE AMERICAN RADIO AND ON THE FRONT PAGES OF THE NEWSPAPERS.

Commentators welcomed the statement, particularly approving his exposure that such reports emanated from Axis sources.

The fact that the President authorised quotations from his statement is held as significant, emphasising the importance he attached to his declaration. — Reuter.

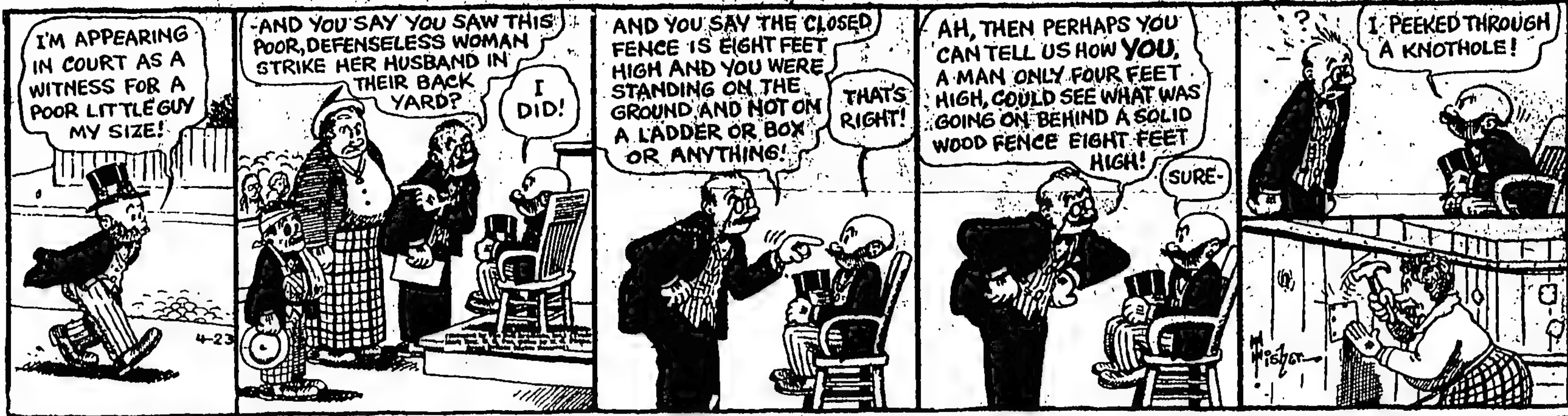
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## LIKELY LINE OF ALLIED ADVANCE

THE LIKELY LINE of advance of the British and Free French Forces in Syria is the most natural one along the coast road through Saida or Beirut, it was stated in Cairo yesterday.

It is known the French have some blocks on the road but it is uncertain whether these are real military obstacles or merely traffic control blocks such as were well known to those travelling in France in wartime.

The French in Syria were deprived of many of their weapons by the Armistice Commission but it is known they have some tanks and armoured cars. Important thing, however, is not armaments but the reaction of the population and of the French troops.

The advance has been followed by the issue of a number of proclamations, namely one from General de Gaulle to the French forces in the Levant, another from General Wavell to the French forces and two from General Catroux to the troops and people of the Levant, respectively.

### We Shall Have Them

General de Gaulle's proclamation says: "Offices, N.C.O.'s, soldiers, sailors and airmen of the Levant, now is the hour to resume the fight for the liberation of France."

"I have appointed General Catroux representative and Commander-in-Chief of French forces in the Levant. You are to obey his orders. "This time we shall have them' and France shall win the war. A bientot (So-long)." — Reuter.

## U.S. NAVAL PATROL IN CARIBBEAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, revealed yesterday that the United States has an agreement for a daily naval warship and aeroplane patrol in the French islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe.

The U.S. Navy also has an observer stationed at Martinique, he added.

Replying to a letter from Senator Mead, of New York, urging United States acquisition of French possessions in the western hemisphere, Mr. Hull said the State Department was "giving full and careful consideration" to problems presented by French possessions in the western hemisphere.—International News Service.

## RANGOON BROADCAST TO THAI

A new daily programme from Rangoon for Thailand listeners, which began on Saturday evening, has evoked considerable interest in Thailand.

The programme was inaugurated by a message from Premier Usaw, followed by Sir Joseph Maung Gyi, ex-Acting Governor of Burma and at present President of the Senate, states a Reuter message from Rangoon.

"Thailanders felt themselves spiritually drawn closer to Burma when for the first time Burma sent greetings across the ether," it was stated in Bangkok.

"Both Premier Usaw's and Sir Joseph Maung Gyi's message emphasise the racial, cultural and specially religious affinities, and deeply impressed listeners, recalling the latter's former association with Chiang Mai where he resided for 10 years."—Reuter.

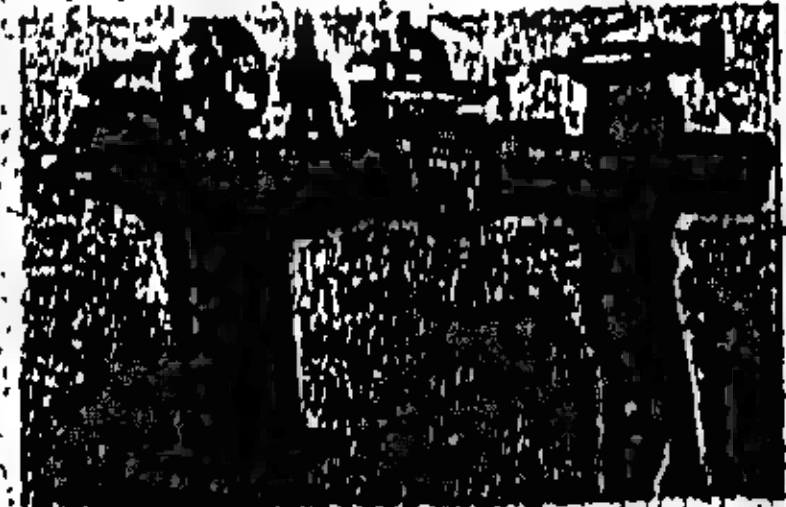
## NEW PORT AT ANGOLA

IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN LISBON YESTERDAY THAT A NEW PORT WHICH IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT LUANDA, CAPITAL OF ANGOLA, WILL BE ONE OF THE FINEST ALONG THE WHOLE AFRICAN COAST.

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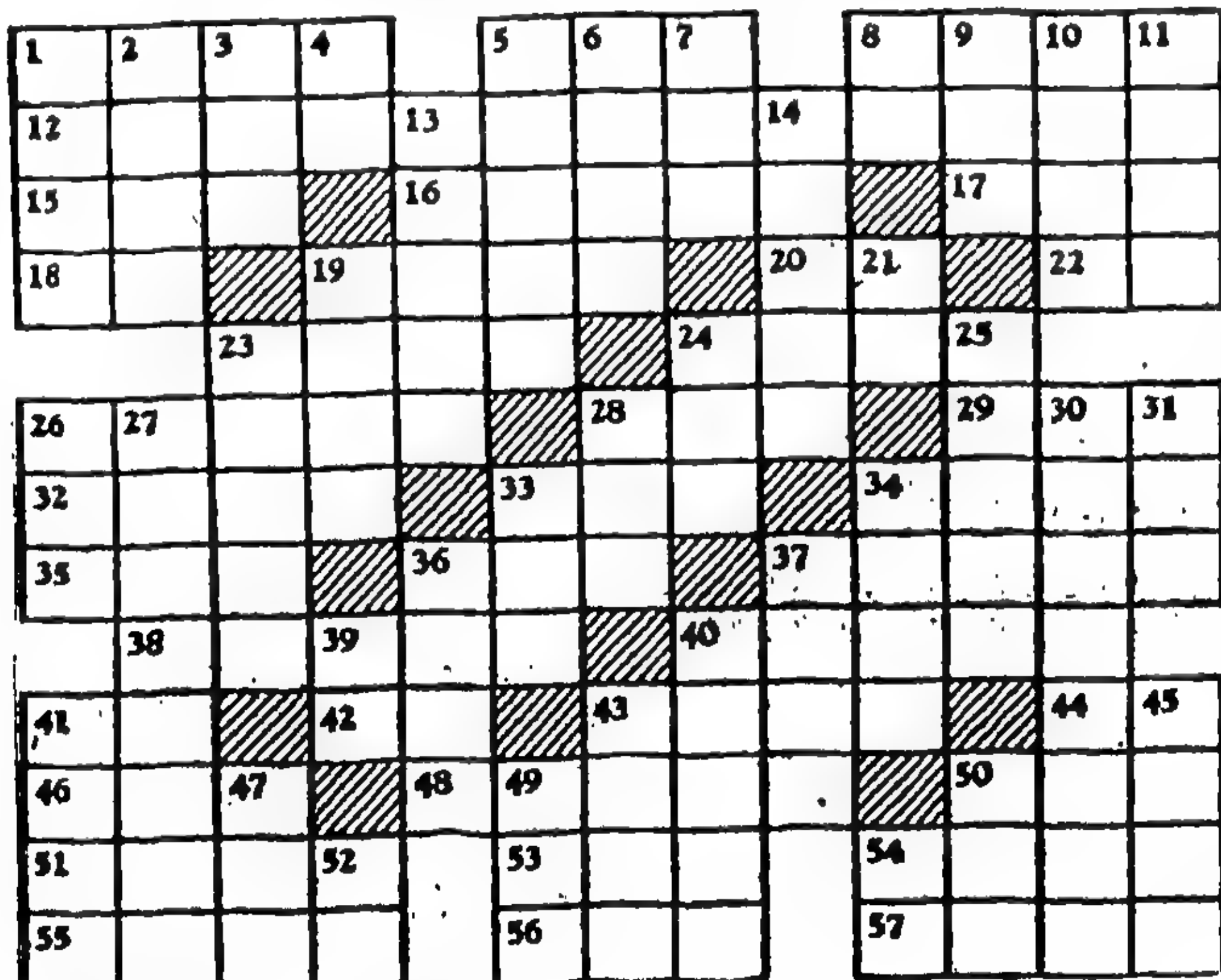
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- 8 Vast horde
- 12 Affecting holiness
- 15 Poetic: Hindustan
- 16 Unaccompanied
- 17 Devoured
- 18 Preposition
- 19 Cloth measure (pl.)
- 20 Italian river
- 22 Teutonic deity
- 23 Ancient city in Asia Minor
- 24 Apparel
- 25 Severe
- 26 Swordsman's dummy stake
- 29 Man's name
- 32 Historical periods
- 33 However
- 34 Black
- 35 Part of "to be"
- 36 Large container
- 37 To refine, as ore
- 38 At no time
- 40 To, with
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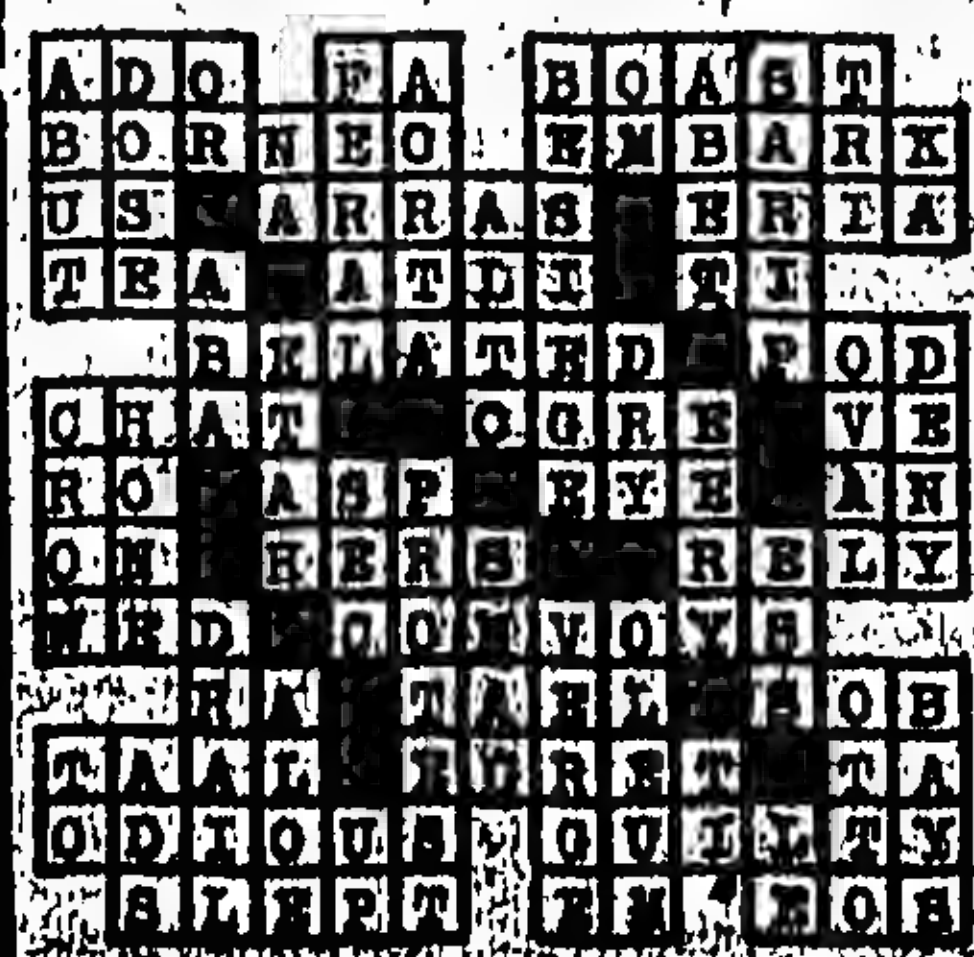
#### VERTICAL

- 1 Continent
- 2 To breathe laboriously
- 3 Finish
- 4 Ninety
- 5 Policeman's club
- 6 Man's name
- 7 Heavy weight
- 8 Sloth
- 9 Kiwi

#### VERTICAL

- 10 Dumb
- 11 Belgian river
- 13 Claw
- 14 Asiatic kingdom
- 19 Is mistaken
- 21 Conjunction
- 23 To annoy
- 24 To receive
- 25 Confusion of cries
- 26 To slouch
- 27 To convey from one place to another
- 28 To set
- 30 Breach of etiquette
- 31 Insect
- 33 To forbid
- 34 Moslem prince
- 36 Small aperture
- 37 Self-satisfied
- 38 Norse god
- 40 Ditties
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- 42 Father
- 43 Plane surface
- 47 To exhaust
- 49 Pronoun
- 50 Ocean
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### A VICTORY WITHOUT PRECEDENT

# MATAPAN STORY RETOLD

THE ADMIRALTY has issued the following narrative, states "The Times," giving a connected account of the action off Cape Matapan on March 28, so far as detailed information was available:—

About midday on Thursday, March 27, air re-

connaissance reported that enemy cruisers were at sea to the southeastward of Sicily. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, was then at Alexandria with the main body of his fleet. It was immediately clear to him that these enemy cruisers could not be up to any good, and he concluded that their probable intentions were to attack our convoys between Egypt and Greece.

Acting on this supposition he made the following dispositions of the forces at his disposal: The Vice-Admiral Commanding Light Forces (Vice-Admiral H. D. Pridham-Whippell) with his flag flying in H.M.S. Orion (Flag Capt. G. R. B. Back) had with him the cruisers Ajax (Capt. E. D. B. McCarthy), Perth, of the Royal Australian Navy (Capt. Sir P. W. Bowyer-Smyth) and Gloucester (Flag Capt. H. A. Rowley) and some destroyers. This force the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, ordered to proceed to a position south of Crete, in which it would be strongly placed to intercept any enemy forces attempting to interfere with our traffic with Greece.

The Commander-in-Chief, whose flag was flying in H.M.S. Warspite (Flag Capt. D. B. Fisher) had with him the battleships Valiant (Capt. C. E. Morgan) and Barham (Flag Capt. G. C. Cooke) flying the flag of Rear-Admiral H. D. Rawlings, the aircraft carrier Formidable (Flag Capt. A. W. La T. Bissett) flying the flag of Rear-Admiral C. B. Coad, and some destroyers. This force was ordered to raise steam with all dispatch. In the afternoon of March 27 the Commander-in-Chief took his main fleet to sea from Alexandria and steamed to the northwestward in the hope of intercepting enemy forces and bringing them to action.

### Italian Force Sighted

At 7.49 a.m. on March 28 air reconnaissance reported an enemy force consisting of one Littorio-class battleship, six cruisers, and seven destroyers about 35 miles south of Gavdo Island. This enemy force was steering to the southeastwards and soon after being sighted it was seen to be joined by two more cruisers and at least two more destroyers. At the time when they were seen the Vice-Admiral Commanding Light Forces, with the cruiser force, was about 40 miles to the southeastward of the enemy.

The Commander-in-Chief with the main fleet was then about 85 miles to the southeastward of the cruiser force, and steaming to the northwestward. Acting on the aircraft report of sighting the enemy, our cruiser force altered course to the northward and made contact with the enemy cruisers at 8.2 a.m. Having made contact the Vice-Admiral turned his cruisers to the southeastward in order to draw the enemy on towards the battle fleet.

### Cruiser Force Follows Suit

At about 9 a.m. the enemy cruisers turned sixteen points and began to steer to the northwestward. The British cruiser force followed suit in order to keep in touch. This they did until 10.58 a.m. when the Vice-Admiral saw the Littorio-class battleship sixteen miles to the northward. On sighting the enemy battleship he turned his cruisers once again to the southeastward in order to keep outside range of the heavy guns of the enemy battleship and to draw the enemy forces towards his Commander-in-Chief.

A torpedo-bomber attack was launched from H.M.S. Formidable and this developed on the Littorio-class battleship at 11.30 a.m. One possible hit was claimed in this attack. Either this attack or the knowledge of the presence of an aircraft

carrier caused the Littorio-class battleship and her accompanying cruiser to turn to the northward. The enemy was thus again heading for his bases. This abrupt turn by the enemy caused the Vice-Admiral to lose touch, but our cruiser force almost immediately came in sight of our own battle fleet and the whole of our forces pressed on after the enemy. At 11.35 a.m. our aircraft saw and reported a second enemy force about 80 miles west of Gavdo Island. This force consisted of two Cavour-class battleships, three cruisers and four destroyers.

### Torpedo Bomber Attack

At about this time another torpedo-bomber attack by naval aircraft was launched against the enemy force, which included the Littorio-class battleship. One hit was claimed in this attack. During the first hours of the afternoon naval aircraft again carried out a search for the enemy, with whom touch had been temporarily lost. The enemy was again located. A further torpedo-bombing attack was launched and in this attack three torpedo hits on the Littorio-class battleship were claimed.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Blenheim bombers of the R.A.F. attacked the enemy with bombs. In these attacks it was claimed that two direct hits were scored on one cruiser, one direct hit on a destroyer, and two probable hits on another cruiser. At 4 o'clock the Commander-in-Chief received a report from aircraft that the speed of the Littorio-class battleship had been drastically reduced. He at once ordered the Vice-Admiral to press on with his four cruisers to regain touch.

At dusk two more torpedo-bombing attacks were launched by naval aircraft. It is not thought that the Littorio-class battleship was again hit during these attacks, but one enemy cruiser was definitely hit by a torpedo. The Vice-Admiral Commanding Light Forces regained touch with the enemy just after dusk and some destroyers were ordered to attack, others being retained with the battle fleet for screening duties. Having led the destroyers to the position from which they were to commence their attack, the Vice-Admiral led his cruisers clear of his destroyers to the northeastward.

### Co-ordination Of Fleet And R.A.F.

These highly successful engagements in the Mediterranean can be accounted historic for two reasons. It is the first occasion in history in which skilful co-ordination of naval operations with attacks launched by aircraft has resulted in the enemy's speed being reduced and our main units being able to force action upon a reluctant enemy. It is also the first occasion in naval history in which such severe losses have been imposed upon the enemy while our own forces were completely unscathed.

On the following day 55 officers and 850 men from the Italian vessels, which had been sunk, were picked up by our forces and by Greek destroyers which were actively cooperating. The survivors included Capt. Despin of the Pola, Admiral Cantoni, commanding the Italian heavy cruiser squadron, is thought to have been lost in the Zara. Some hundreds more Italian survivors would have been picked up by the Allied forces had not the life-

saving operations of our ships been interrupted by dive-bombing attacks. One Ju88, which had attempted to interfere with our operations on the previous day had also been shot down.

### Signal To Italian Staff

When the Commander-in-Chief reluctantly decided to abandon the rescue of Italian seamen in order to avoid exposing his ships and, incidentally, the Italian survivors to danger from the German aircraft, he made a signal en clair to the Chief of the Italian Naval Staff, stating that over 350 Italian survivors were believed to be on rafts, giving their positions, and stating that a fast hospital ship would be needed to pick up such survivors as he had been unable to rescue. The Commander-in-Chief received the following reply from the Commander-in-Chief of the Italian Navy:—"Thank you for your communications. Hospital ship Gradisca already left Taranto yesterday at 5 p.m."

### Two Cruisers Wrecked

At 10.10 p.m. it was reported to the Commander-in-Chief that an enemy vessel was lying damaged and stopped three miles to port of the battle fleet's course. The Commander-in-Chief at once turned the battle fleet to engage this unit. It is now known that this ship was the Italian cruiser Pola. While the battle fleet was approaching the Pola three enemy cruisers were seen on the starboard bow.

As the enemy cruisers passed ahead of the screen, H.M.S. Greyhound (Comdr. W. R. Marshall A. Deane) illuminated the leading heavy cruiser. Our battle fleet at once opened fire. The enemy must have been taken completely by surprise. The first salvoes hit at a range of about 4,000 yards and practically wrecked both the heavy cruiser, of the Zara class as far as fighting was concerned.

Enemy destroyers which were astern of the cruisers were then seen to turn and fire torpedoes, and our battle fleet turned away to avoid them. Exactly what followed is still obscure, but H.M.A.S. Stuart (Capt. H. M. L. Waller) and H.M.S. Havock (Lieut. G. R. G. Watkins) certainly did considerable execution. The attacking force of destroyers, which was searching for the damaged Littorio-class battleship, failed to locate her and it seems probable that she moved off during the action between our battle fleet and the enemy cruisers. Some of the destroyers from this attacking force subsequently made touch with the destroyers sent in by the Commander-in-Chief to mop up, and they assisted in sinking the Zara and the Pola.

### Italians Fire On Each Other

It appears probable that during the night the Littorio-class battleship became heavily engaged with her own forces, as heavy gunfire was heard at a time and from a direction which made it impossible for any of our forces to be engaged. As soon as it became possible that a fleet action might take place, a force of Greek destroyers steamed out to the westward in the hope of intercepting enemy forces endeavouring to escape into the Adriatic. Unfortunately the line of the enemy retreat did not give them an opportunity to attack. Extensive air search next morning failed to disclose any of the remaining Italian ships, which must have made their escape under cover of darkness.

The results of this action, so far as is at present known, are that the heavy cruisers Zara, Pola and Etna were sunk, one of the gun cruisers of the Colleone class was probably sunk, the large Italian destroyer Vincenzo Gioberti and the destroyer Maestrale were sunk, and the large destroyer Alder probably sunk. The new battleship of the Littorio class sustained serious under-water damage and other enemy units were also certainly damaged.

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He couldn't get the amounts for Poland, for Rumania, or for Bulgaria. But even without them the total compares quite favourably with all that Germany paid in reparations for the War of 1914-18.

And even a world which is not interested in figures, and has forgotten them, will remember the protest that Germany made over the "iniquities of Versailles." It will remember the conviction with which German statesmen assailed the "astronomical" demands of the Dawes and Young plans. It will remember how convincingly the Reich's economists proved that Germany could not pay.

But Denmark, Norway, Belgium, the Netherlands, and France must pay. Their economy has been disrupted by war, their markets shut off. Their raw materials are restricted, and their supplies requisitioned by a conqueror. Yet France, for instance, is charged more than twice the



WHO IS THE MORE WATCHFUL?

# Publicity Chief

By  
**Corolyn Cox**

Sir Gerald Campbell, the comparatively new British Minister to the United States, who has just vigorously replied to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's remarks about Britain's military record, and has now been appointed to handle British publicity in the United States, was only recently discovered by his countrymen. It was on the completion of fourteen years of continuous expanding success in the British Consular Service in the United States that his name turned up in the New Year's Honours List, awarded a knighthood by his king.

Sir Gerald was born in St. Mary's, Hertfordshire, in 1877, one of a family of four sons and two daughters of Mary Head and the Rev. Colin Campbell, Clergyman Campbell put together most excellent sermons, and small Gerald's ears were early accustomed to beautiful English and

well-turned phrases. He acquired in a privileged fashion his intimate knowledge of the Book with which he now enriches his public speaking.

At an early age Sir Gerald moved with his family to Weston-Super-Mare, and there attended a small private school. But "boys are made the kind of men they become in their homes," says Miss Florence Campbell, his sister, who lives with her brother.

Sir Gerald went on to Repton and Trinity College, Cambridge, but he did not want to be a clergyman. Not knowing what he did want to be, he followed the usual line of least resistance—taught school for a year at Haywards Heath. School teaching settles many an uncertain mind and it settled Gerald Campbell. He tutored and took the examinations for the British Consular Service.

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There was on one occasion a sporting bicycle trip he took from Mwanza to Elizabethville, riding on the bicycle on such parts of the trip as had any roads to ride upon, carrying the thing and his rifle, books, thermos bottle and so forth on other long portions where roads were not. He thought on the whole the bicycle was a handicap.

You can't be out on your own in the African jungle and develop into a "yes man." It takes five years you have proved yourself a success, and Sir Gerald did so; you have learned to think for yourself, to let rats run themselves out, and be ready to take up the trail when the sun comes again.

Returning to England on leave in 1911, Sir Gerald persuaded Miss Margaret Juler, who was studying music at the Royal Academy in London, to marry him and go out to set up housekeeping in the Congo, at Elizabethville in the Katanga District. When the bride and groom arrived, the brick bungalow being built for them by local workmen had suffered from their neglecting to put a roof on till they had done the rest of the house and the rains had come and gone.

There being no one else to play the piano parts for his wife's violin sonatas, Sir Gerald picked them out himself.

## In Ethiopia

In the middle of the first World War Sir Gerald was transferred from Venice to Ethiopia, and off he trekked, with his wife and two small daughters, to take up residence in Addis Ababa ("New Flower") among the eucalyptus trees planted by Haile Selassie's predecessor, Menelik. The Campbell's third daughter, Jean, was born in the Ethiopian capital.

When Sir Gerald was sent out from Ceylon to Philadelphia in 1920, he had no idea of the importance to himself and to his country of the chapter he was about to begin. The American businessman discovered one of the best after-dinner speakers he had heard in many moons. Sir Gerald was in demand.

San Francisco had the Campbells for nine years. A trophy of this chase hangs on Sir Gerald's wall to-day—a vast scarlet British lion having its tail tweaked, with signatures all over it of San Francisco's businessmen who presented it to Sir Gerald at a farewell luncheon.

From coast to coast went the Campbell family, winding up in New York skyscraper apartment. Sir Gerald was Consul General in Ottawa from '31 to '38. Later he went to Ottawa.

What has happened to traditional British red tape, when a Consul General in the space of two years has been to seven different posts? There are moments when the murmur in the street begins to wonder whether an investigating press has not interrupted the ill wind of war.

actual cost of maintaining the Reich's legions on French soil, and the Germans are using the difference to "purchase" an interest in French industry.

If John Smith is a Norwegian, it will cost him £20 a year. If he is a Netherlander, it will amount to about £5 annually. Nor does the burden stop there. For hunger and want, also imposed, have followed in the footsteps of the Nazis.

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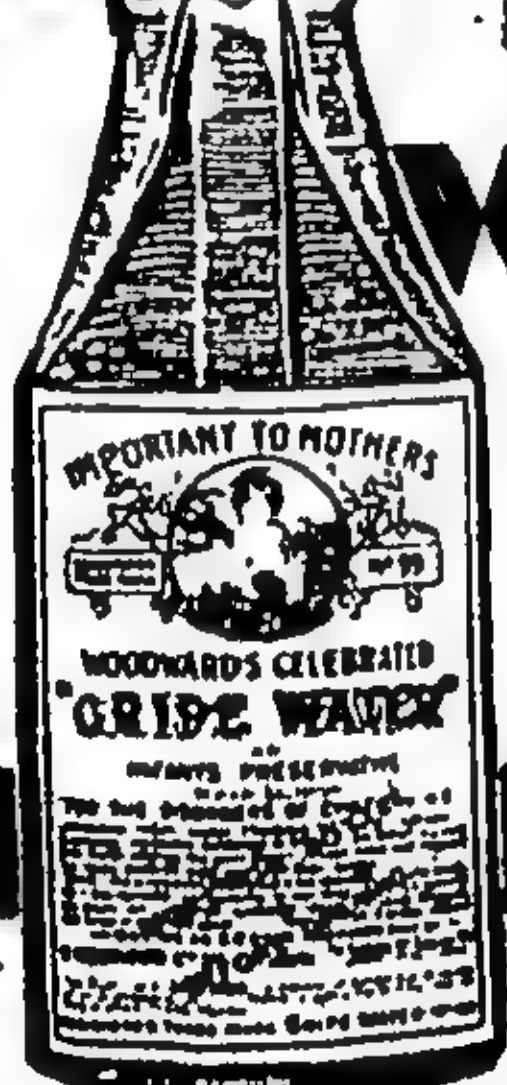
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# GEN. WAVELL ON 'HOPELESS' RESISTANCE

**JUSTIFYING THE** British action in Syria by describing German infiltration there as the first stage of the Nazi conquest of the French Colonies, General Wavell, British Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, issued a proclamation last night to the soldiers of France in Syria.

The proclamation runs: "Frenchmen—soldiers, comrades of battles of yesterday and partners in to-morrow's victory—we have received an order to penetrate into this territory which you are guarding.

"It is the only way to preserve this territory at least from German seizure.

"The Boches occupy two-thirds of France and control the rest. They have now begun the conquest of your colonies. Syria and Lebanon are the first stage in this seizure which is now happening before your eyes.

"We do not come as enemies but on the contrary to your help against our common adversary. Instead of resisting

us, lend us your aid against your people's mortal enemy."

### French Army Heroes

General Wavell continued: "We come in considerable force. Any resistance on your part is useless.

"We know you would fight like heroes but without hope. We have learned in fighting side by side what honour means to French soldiers."

After recalling the Allied victory over the "Boches" 20 years ago, General Wavell concluded:

"We are going to beat them the second time. We would like it with your help, side by side with our comrades of the past war, and not against you." — Reuter.

## SQUADRON'S NEW DESERT HOME

The R.A.F. in the Middle East continues to break records. The latest is that of a Squadron which moved its station nearly 300 miles in three days.

Moving a squadron in the desert is no easy task. First of all the Squadron Commander having received orders to go forward, makes a reconnaissance to choose the most suitable landing ground for his requirements. There are many details to be considered—accessibility, dimensions, water supply, vulnerability and other technical points.

Then the Medical Officer flies to the new site and tests the water—that is, if there is any water to test—and decides upon the place where he will establish his sick bay. Next comes the administration staff. This is installed and a telephone wire is laid.

The surface of the landing ground is inspected, and the bulk of the men follow in lorries, cars and in any other vehicles available. Petrol supplies and food are transported and maintenance specialists arrive, so that when the aircraft come they can go into action immediately.

In the case of the Squadron which moved 300 miles, the change was made without any interference with normal duties.

# DENUNCIATION BY MARSHAL PETAIN

**MARSHAL PETAIN**, in a message to French people in Syria, said the British attack was led "as at Dakar by Frenchmen serving under the dissident flag."

"Supported by British and Imperial forces," the message continued, "they are not hesitating to spill the blood of their brothers defending the unity of the Empire and French sovereignty.

"Painful as is the event, France, faithful to her word, can proudly declare that she did not take the initiative in striking a blow against her former Ally either today or previously at Mers-El-Kehir, Dakar or Sfax. Guile went before force."

Refuting the allegation that Germans are landing large numbers of troops in French Levant ports and that France is preparing to hand over French colonial territory to Germany, Marshal Petain said a few aeroplanes which had landed temporarily "in our territory" have now left Syria "with the exception of three or four which are not airworthy."

### Not One Nazi Soldier!

"You know there is not a single German soldier either in Syria or Lebanon," continued the aged Marshal. "You are therefore the objects of a most unjust act of aggression which revolts us. Today for the first time French sovereignty in the Levant is threatened.

"Fight for a just cause and the integrity of the territory entrusted to France by History. You will know how to defend it."

Denunciation of the British action is contained in Vichy's communiqué which described it as a British plan to profit by France's defeat and "to take her empire."

The communiqué, which virtually is a repetition of Marshal Petain's message, says that French Government circles are watching the situation and its development calmly and coolly.—Reuter.

# Blitz Coming In Near East

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Preparations are being made in Cairo for a full-scale mechanised war in the Middle East.

German plans defy orthodox desert war procedure, but it is doubtful if they can launch a tank battle in 125 degs. of heat.

Furthermore, in the autumn, the Germans will have to fight with American material against them, but the Germans are moving to equip their desert army despite the fact that the British navy has sunk tens of thousands of tons of convoys.

British troops, who had served in the Balkans, are being rushed to reinforce the Army in the Middle East and another factor that has to be borne in mind is that the Germans do not like to fight in the heat.—International News Service.

# ANKARA IS STILL WONDERING

Well-informed circles in Ankara are wondering whether German provocation in Syria is not designed to distract the British while the main attack on Egypt is launched from Libya.

It was pointed out that air-borne troops would be useless in Syria in the face of heavy tanks which the British are able to bring into action while the task of supplying the Germans in Syria would be extremely hard owing to the proximity of numerous British air bases.

Therefore, the Turks argue, the British should take over Syria as quickly as possible before German preparations for a Libya attack are complete.

TURKEY'S OWN POSITION BENEFITED BY THE WITHDRAWAL OF GERMAN TROOPS FROM GREECE AND BULGARIA, MAINLY TO MOEDAWIA AND MILITARY EXPERTS EXPRESS THE OPINION THAT IT WILL TAKE THE GERMAN AT LEAST A MONTH TO BUILD UP THE ARMIES IN THESE AREAS TO THEIR FORMER STRENGTH.—REUTER.

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# Swiss Rely On Alpine Passes To Keep Invaders Away

WHEN DR. JOSEPH GOEBBELS, Germany's Propaganda Minister, announced in a recent interview that Germany had no intention of attacking Switzerland, many Swiss believed him.

They believed him not because they had forgotten the lessons of Czechoslovakia, Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, and Norway, but because Switzerland presents military obstacles which many Swiss military experts believe would render an invasion attempt impractical even for Germany's Panzer Divisions.

The fact that the tiny democracy is now entirely surrounded by the united military power of the Axis, has not weakened the Swiss determination to defend their country.

It has weakened Switzerland's ability to defend the plain between the Alps and the Rhine, but does not essentially change its military position as a whole.

Switzerland's strength lies in the Alps and in its historical mission as guardian of the passes.

## Tunnels Are Traffic Arteries

The importance of this mission can be judged by anyone who stands at the entrance to the Gotthard or the Simplon tunnels and watches the long lines of freight cars being drawn through these most modern of tunnels with the most modern of electric locomotives.

Three of the world's longest tunnels—the Lötschberg, the Simplon and the Gotthard—are Switzerland's guarantee against aggressors. Freight for most of Europe north of Switzerland passes through these main arteries from Italy and Mediterranean ports.

And at the present time these passage-ways are vital links between German-controlled Europe, and the Mediterranean.

German, Netherlands, Belgian, French, Czech, and Polish cars—passing daily and even hourly all under German control—are along these routes. They carry coal and iron to Italy, and bring back bauxite, fruits, and vegetables.

Without these railway lines, Germany would be virtually cut off from the south. The Brenner Pass railway line is a single track and freight would soon choke up its limited capacity. Other routes which pass through France or the Balkans are possible, but are so roundabout that much valuable time would be lost in shipping over these routes alone.

## Important To Axis

Thus Germany and Italy are only too well aware of the value of maintaining intact these valuable rail links. And they are, in the opinion of many Swiss, more inclined to leave to Switzerland the task of guarding the tunnels, than to attempt an invasion with the likely result that the tunnels—already well mined by the Swiss—would be blown to ruins which would take years to repair.

But these measures would only be put into operation as a last resort. The Swiss are confident that the narrow, tortuous valley from Altdorf to Goeschenen would hinder sufficiently any invading force which might seek to use the road through the valley as an approach to the Gotthard tunnel.

It would be much easier to render useless this road, which at some places is merely a narrow shelf carved into the side of the rocky wall high above the valley floor. The approach to the Simplon tunnel passes through equally difficult terrain.

## Austrians Found Out

A mechanised army in the Alps would meet with the same difficulties that the heavily armoured Austrian knights encountered when they tried to subject the free Swiss in the thirteenth century. From high Alpine heights rocks were rolled down upon them by an invisible foe; the horses could not be manoeuvred on the narrow trails and the

a mountain. Dive bombers would be ineffectual in the gorges and narrow valleys of the Alps.

Switzerland has not enough military power to hold out long in the plains along the Rhine. It is, however, strong enough to hold the passes. At the outbreak of war the troops would gradually retreat from the border fortifications leaving the large cities in the plain to the enemy and retiring to the mountains.

But even with these assurances, tiny Switzerland is prepared for any emergency. The Swiss citizen army is mobilised all the time with shifts constantly returning from civil life to relieve others for work on the farms and in the factories.

The army, like the people, is trained in the heritage of successful defence against would-be invaders who throughout history have found Switzerland an impregnable rock. Finland and Greece have both shown that modern "Blitzkriegs" can still be bogged under favourable conditions by a brave people.

Swiss had the habit of suddenly appearing when they were least expected.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, 60 Hunter Street, Sydney, Australia, on FRIDAY, 20th JUNE, 1941, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1940, and of declaring Dividend, etc. and appointing Messrs. Smith Johnson and Co., Sydney as Auditors of the Society for the ensuing year in lieu of the present Auditors.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 9th JUNE to 20th JUNE, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. H. K. COBB,  
Manager for the Far East.  
Hong Kong, 7th June, 1941.

## THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED

### Notice To Shareholders

THE SIXTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 25th June, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 11th June to the 25th June, 1941, both days inclusive.

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# BRIDGE NOTES

## BRIDGE SWINDLES

### NO. 42

### By The Four Aces

Among the ways of "swindling" an opponent is the device of creating a guess where no true guess really exists. For example:

South, Dealer  
East-West vulnerable  
NORTH  
♠ J 9 8 4 2  
♥ K 6  
♦ J 8 2  
♣ 10 8 6  
WEST  
♠ A 7 6 5 3  
♥ Q J 7 6 2  
♦ K 6  
♣ 7  
EAST  
♠ K Q 10  
♥ A 10 8 4 3  
♦ 5  
♣ Q 5 4 3  
SOUTH  
♠ —  
♥ 9  
♦ A Q 10 9 7 4 8  
♣ A K J 8 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♦	1♥	Pass	3♥
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♦	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West opened the Queen of hearts, dummy played the King, and East won with the Ace. East then returned the King of spades, and South ruffed. South laid down the Ace and then a low diamond, and West took the diamond King.

West tried to cash the Jack of hearts, but South ruffed.

It was now apparent to East that the setting trick could be obtained only in clubs, but it was also obvious that South could successfully finesse through the club Queen unless he could be steered away from this normal line of play. So East decided to execute a swindle.

After ruffing the Jack of hearts, South laid down the Ace of clubs, and then led a low diamond to dummy's Jack. At this point, East casually discarded a low club!

South was not a particularly astute player, so he regarded this club discard as having been made from a worthless club holding. If that were so, West must have the Queen of clubs, and the only chance to make the contract lay in dropping the blank Queen in the West hand. Accordingly, South returned a club from the dummy and played his King instead of finessing. That set up East's club Queen as the setting trick, much to his glee and South's chagrin. Note that South would have finessed, but for East's deceptive discard, and the finesse would have enabled South to make his contract.

Saturday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 7 5  
♥ 8 3 2  
♦ 10 4  
♣ K 9 6 2

The bidding:

Jacoby	Burnstone	Schwenken	You
INT	Dbl.	Pass	(7)

ANSWER: Pass. You have a fairly strong hand for defence against one no-trump, when you consider the fact that the opening bidder and your partner must have between them every high card in the deck, aside from what you hold.  
Score: 100% for pass, 30% for two clubs.

(Question No. 737)

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K 7 5  
♥ J 8 3 2  
♦ 10 4  
♣ K 9 6 2

The bidding:

Schwenken	Jacoby	Male	You
INT	Dbl.	2♥	(7)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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# PRIEST'S LETTER HOME

A Royal Air Force officer, writing from Cirene, the ancient capital of Cyrenaica, relates that during a terrific storm he reached the village of Luigi di Savoia after midnight and sought shelter at the house of the village priest.

The priest opened the door himself, bade the R.A.F. officer and his party enter, and arranged sleeping places for them in his own bedroom.

"In the morning" writes the officer "we were surprised to find that in addition to ourselves the kind priest had given shelter to eight other officers. He made coffee for us and fetched water from the well.

"We asked if there was anything we could do for him in return. The result was that I have in my possession a letter. It is addressed to the priest's mother in Rome.

"He asked me to give it to her when the R.A.F. entered the Italian capital, and he seemed certain that the letter would be delivered very soon."



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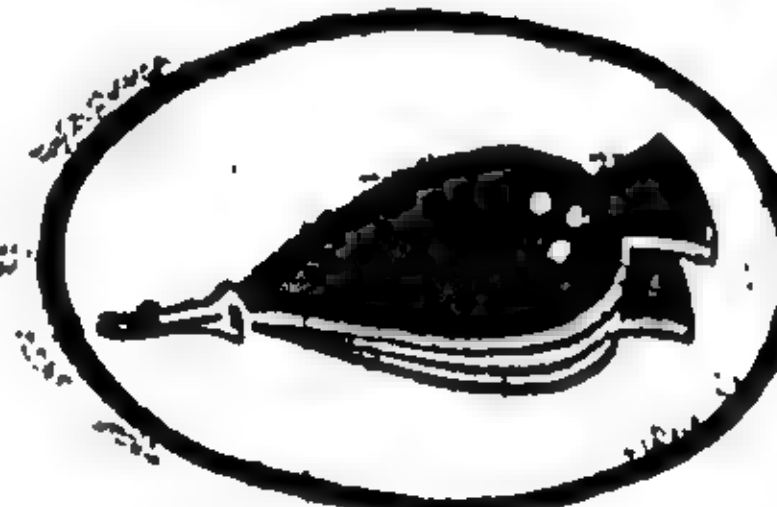
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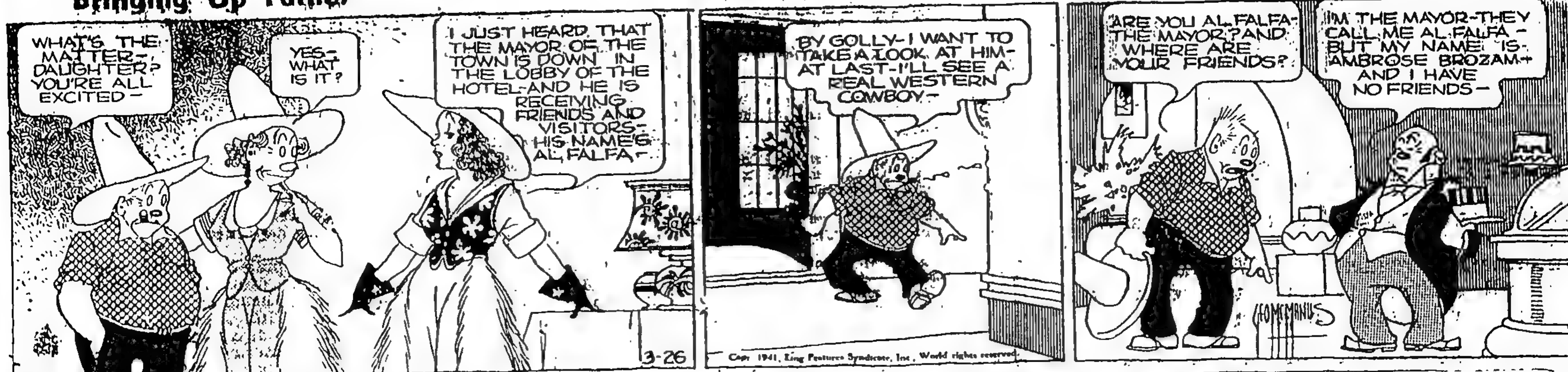
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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Lovely New Fragrances Inspire Personal Daintiness

It goes without saying that a lovely perfume or cologne is the final step of careful and fragrant grooming and should never be used to cover up neglect.

How any girl or woman can whiff one of these lush brews and not be inspired immediately to indulge in a session of personal ablution to be followed with a thorough perfuming, is beyond me. It is really nice to "work up" to the perfuming—to shower, touch up toenails and fingernails, brush hair, give self a facial and do any other bit of glamorizing that is necessary. How self-confident one feels after all that! No problem is too big to lick!

### New Brews

Some very exquisite scents are making their bows this season—one literally dropped from heaven! Yes, in order to promote a lovely fragrance appropriately, one of the cosmetic houses sent thousands of tiny samples tied to gayly coloured balloons into the air. When the balloons collapsed the little vials dropped from heaven into the hands of pleased and eager women! You can bet that promotion boosted the sales!

Flower essences seem to be most favoured, as I have told you before. One exquisite mixture, which is as lasting as many heavier perfumes, comes from the old-fashioned flower Night Stock. This is to be sprayed or rubbed on while the body is warm and fresh from the bath and it is



Fashion goes flowery this season and suggests springtime fragrances of white phlox, lilac, green moss, sweet bean, night stock or hyacinth. Inspiring brews to banish winter weariness!

## If You're A Good Mother..

You won't take cocktails or spirits while carrying or nursing.

(Red or white wine with your doctor's approval is not entirely forbidden on occasions though, and sometimes stout.)

You won't allow him to gulp down his food too fast.

(Over-eating results in indigestion or the wind.)

You won't pace the floor by night or walk the pram by day to get him to sleep—unless you don't realise that he may be under-fed, or have pain.

(If he's hungry at night making the last feed, later and the first, earlier, is a good plan.)

You won't let him lie with the sun in his face—unless, (Well, just try it yourself and see what you'd say!)

You won't attempt to clean inside his mouth—unless you don't know it's just not done these days.

(It injures the delicate membrane and encourages thrush.) You won't start to wean without expert advice—unless you don't mind risking trouble with your breasts or a crotchety baby. (Weaning's not hard, though, if you go about it the right way with the help of a chart.)

You won't worry too much because oranges are scarce, and he needs their juice—unless, of course, you don't know there are substitutes.

(Grape, fruit, turnip and swede juices are there. Even better are the very new Vitamin C tablets now being sold.)

as appropriate for tweeds as it is for frills and lace!

### Do A Thorough Job

If you like fragrances and do wear them, do a thorough job of perfuming yourself and your personality. Begin with scenting the bath water with salts or oil, then anoint your skin with cologne and body powder of the same fragrance, follow through by using make-up that matches and for a final dash spray your hanky, gloves and handbag with the perfume. It is possible to get an entire line of toiletries and make-up scented alike—so you will go out smelling like a lilac and looking as fresh, or like another favoured flower!

Spring makes a woman yearn for new colognes and perfumes. It is just as natural as wanting a new spring hat—so if you can, indulge in your whim and buy yourself the most inspiring fragrance of the lot. If you haven't

### Kitchen Hints

Remove scorch and stains from cooking utensils as quickly as possible after they have occurred. This saves rubbing and is not so hard on the utensils.

Before you open tinned goods, always wipe the tin well and open them on the bottom side. This is usually dry and clean, even if the top has got dusty or rusty. By doing this, no dust or rust will get into the contents of the tin.

been shopping fragrances in some time you will be surprised at the many new ones waiting for your sniffs!

## Are You A Fence Sitter?

If you are, you sit on the fence for safety; and it's the most dangerous place in the world.

Oh yes, we must all be diplomatic sometimes. Often we have to suspend judgment. We can even remain friends with both sides in a quarrel.

But to sit on the fence from policy is a policy of disaster. You can sooner make a friend out of an enemy than one who thinks you a fence-sitter.

You meet a distinguished stranger and want to impress him; so you don't commit yourself on any subject till you get a lead from him!

Yet which would he find more interesting—someone with opinions other than his; or someone with no opinions at all?

Someone with influence is unjust to a friend of yours, and you know it. Your opinion is asked. You want to offend neither, so you hedge.

The result is, they both despise you. Even to have chosen the wrong side boldly would have damaged you less, than your shabby prudence.

If you take a chance, well, at least you HAVE a chance. If you sit on the fence, you've none.

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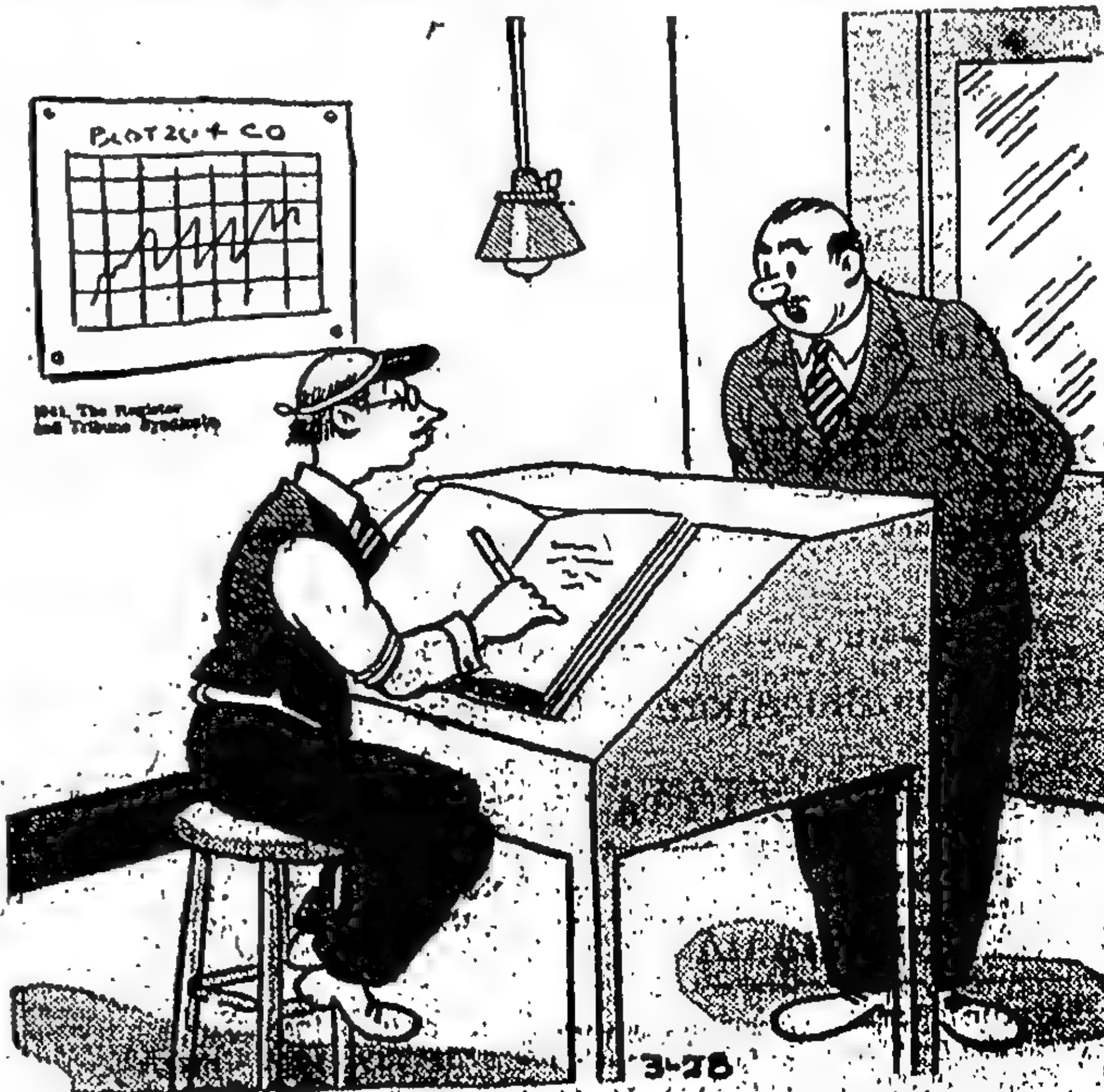
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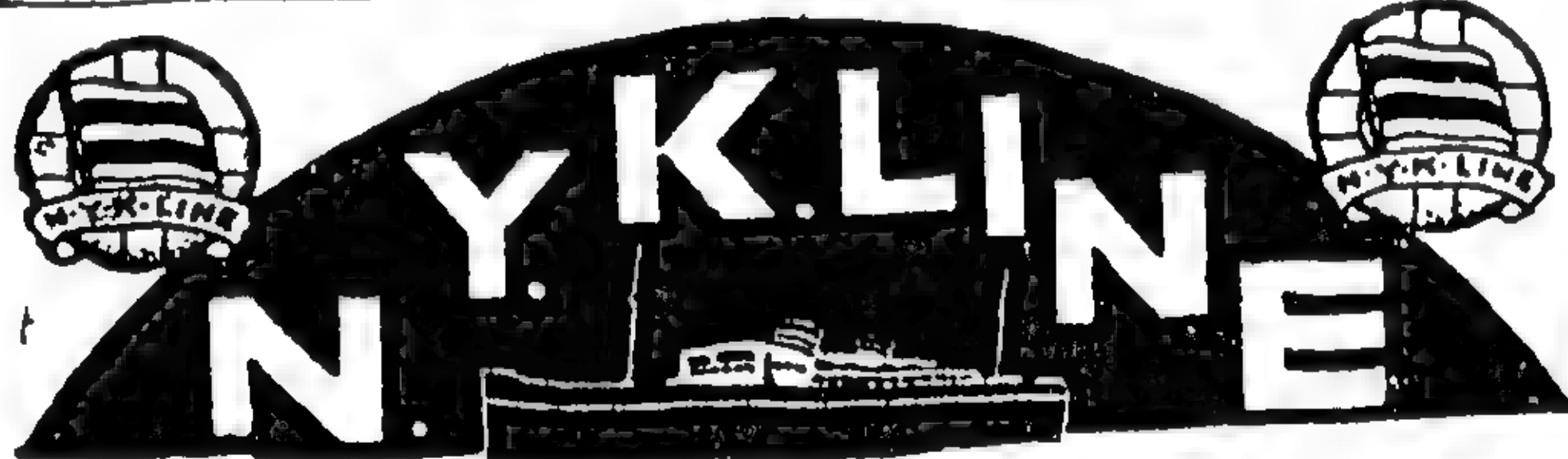
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—"Band Waggon" with Arthur Askey, Richard Murdoch and Company.

12.32 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude. "The Gay Nineties"—Waltz Medley. New Mayfair Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Film Selections.

"Heart's Desire"—Selection. Cine Studio Orchestra.

"Broadway Melody of 1940"—Between You and Me.

I Concentrate on You.

Mary Healy (vocal) w. Orch.

"32nd Street"—I'd like to see Samoa of Samoa.

Mantovani and His Orchestra.

"Fisherman's Wharf"—Blue Italian Waters.

Fisherman's Chanticle.

Bobby Breen (vocal) with Organ.

"Wake Up and Live"—Selection.

Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Billy Cotton and His Band.

Fox-Trots—I Miss You in the Morning.

To Mother—with Love.

Waltz—The Umbrella Man.

Fox-Trots—I'm a little Prairie Flower.

The Best of Friends.

Fox-Trot—Horsey, Horsey.

Novelty Waltz—Maybelle, Maybelle.

Fox-Trot—We've Come a Long Way Together.

Novelty Dance—The Handsome Ter-fitorial.

2.13 p.m.—Close Down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programmes.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Mozart—Concerto in G Major.

1st Mov.: Allegro.

2nd Mov.: Andante.

3rd Mov.: Allegretto and Finale (Presto).

Edwin Fischer (Piano) and His Chamber Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.36 p.m.—Songs by Theodore Chail-pine.

The Horn (Flegler).

The Old Corporal (Dargomilsky).

7.40 p.m.—Tchaikowsky—Romeo and Juliet—Overture Fantasia.

William Mengelberg and His Concert Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Programme Summary and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—This week's programmes.

8.05 p.m.—The Andrews Sisters.

Long Time no See (Altman, Cavanaugh).

Begin the Beguine (from "Jubilee").

Tuxedo Junction (Hawkins and others).

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Quiet, Please!"—1.

Almost a riot, with Forsythe, Seamon, and Farrell, Rupert Hazell and Elsie Day, Helen Hill, and Hermione Baddeley.

B.B.C. Chorus and Variety Orchestra, conducted by Charles Shadwell.

Produced by Tom Ronald.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) and The Orchestra Mascotte.

Second Waltz Medley (Robrecht).

Orchestra Mascotte.

When a Woman Smiles.

Goodbye, Little Dream, Goodbye (both from "O Mistress Mine").

Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) w. Pierre Fresnay and Orch.

Ballroom Memories—Waltz Pot-pourri (arr. Robrecht).

Orchestra Mascotte.

Au Clair de la Lune (Lull).

Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) with Clavecin.

Over Land and Sea—Waltz Pot-pourri (arr. Goltz Hohne).

Orchestra Mascotte.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Piano duets by Moreton and Kaye.

Tin Pan Alley Medley—No. 17.

Intro.: Deep Purple; We've come a long way together; The masquerade is over; Could Be; Boogie Woogie; Taint what you do.

Midnight in Mayfair (Newell Chase).

Four Hands on a Piano (Moreton Kaye).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"News from Home" by Howard Marshall.

10.15 p.m.—London Relay—"The Stones Cry Out"—6.

10.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Hawaiian Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—I used to be Colour Blind.

Let Me Whisper.

Roy Smeeck and His Hawaiian Serenaders.

Waltz—Poem.

Dellah.

Gino Bordin and His Hawaiians.

Fox-Trot—When I Dream of You, I Dream of Old Hawaii.

Waltz—Dreamy Moana Nights.

Charles Kama and His Moana Hawaiians.

Fox-Trots—South of Pago-Pago.

A Song of Old Hawaii.

Ray Kinney and His Hawaiian Musical Ambassadors.

Waltz—Hoholulu Sweetheart of Mine.

Charles Kama and His Moana Hawaiians.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

# CROWDED HOUR

It was 4 o'clock in the afternoon and a pilot officer, out with his Spitfire squadron over occupied France was hoping the Luftwaffe would answer the challenge.

For 20 minutes the Spitfires flew up the French coast looking

for trouble. Suddenly three Me. 109s streaked over, and seven more came at them from almost straight ahead.

The fight was on, and here, in the words of the pilot officer, is what happened.

"I pulled straight up and opened fire on the leader, the target changing from semi-head-on to full broadside into the enemy aircraft's belly. Almost instantaneously there was a great burst of flame aft of the pilot.

"My machine stalled and I let her spin until I had lost about 5,000 feet. I then climbed again after the enemy formation, which had turned North. There were only five machines now, and they were descending.

"I opened fire on the rearmost aircraft and got in three bursts. The enemy aircraft turned right and half rolled. Faint white mist came from under the starboard wing root. I was forced to break contact when the remainder interfered.

"As I was flying back over the Channel I saw a Me. 109 stalk and shoot at the squadron leader's Spitfire, and then do a climbing turn to the left. The enemy aircraft had not observed me, and I opened fire when some way off, closing to point blank range.

"This Me. 109 had large black numerals and a bright green nose. I turned to continue the engagement, but broke away on seeing the enemy aircraft emitting dense clouds of black smoke and flames from its starboard side.

"The enemy aircraft appeared to be out of control and burning fiercely."

It was 4.45 p.m. when the pilot officer landed, 45 minutes from the time his adventures began. The remaining 15 minutes of the hour had their excitement too, for after landing the pilot officer learned that a sergeant in his squadron had shot down another of the Me. 109s, that his squadron leader had made a forced landing on the coast and that, though wounded, he was safe.

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# SCOTLAND READY FOR SUMMER SOCCER

Summer football will be seen in Scotland now that plans have been completed for a Summer Cup competition, the prizes for which will be ten War Savings certificates for each member of the winning team.

Summer games are not strange to Scotland, where the junior teams play almost throughout the year, and while senior clubs have their close season there is always a public for the game, as proved by the tournament held in 1939 during the Glasgow Exhibition.

The new tournament's preliminary round will be on the home and away system; first round matches to be played on June 7 and 14, second round on June 21 and 28, leading to the semifinals on July 5 and the final on July 12.

## ENGLAND DEFEAT WALES AT SOCCER

Wales lost 2-3 to England on Saturday at soccer after leading by two goals to one at the interval, before 20,000 spectators.

Woodward James scored for Wales before England forwards got going. Then Hagan scored, though Bryn Jones had hard luck with a header for Wales just before halftime. Wales' forwards got through together early in the second half, but Haggood dropped to save a final shot with the goalkeeper out of position.

Hagan equalised and soon afterwards Welsh scored the winning goal.

## YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL RESULTS

U. S. S. Asheville beat Hong Kong Baseball Club by 6 runs to 4 yesterday, while Royal Engineers caused an upset when they defeated a strong South China side which included Winglee and Nip Lum by 9 runs to 5.

## NOT FOR SOFTIES

Captain Ed McNamara of the Northwestern University fencing team denies his is a sissy sport. He loses four pounds in each match.

Vic Aldridge, Jr., Indiana University baseball pitcher, according to the "Christian Science Monitor" is the son of the famous Pittsburgh hurler, who was pitching the Pirates to world series victories two decades ago. Young Aldridge is a senior. He lives at Terre Haute, Ind.

## SATURDAY'S BOWLS RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION			
K.B.G.C. "A"	50	C.C.C.	55
K.B.G.C. "B"	47	Rec. "A"	75
Rec. "B"	52	K.C.C.	57
K.D.R.C.	48	P.R.C.	70
I.R.C.	71	C.S.C.C.	62
SECOND DIVISION			
K.F.C.	55	Rec.	72
H.K.C.C.	68	Talkoo	48
H.K.F.C.	55	K. Tong	74
K.C.C.	54	C.C.C.	61
THIRD DIVISION			
C.C.C.	72	H.K.C.C.	40
Elec.	48	K.B.G.C.	73
Rec.	62	K.F.C.	45
Police	83	H.K.F.C.	46

## CHARITY SWIMMING GALA

At Laichikok last night the three-day swimming gala organised by the Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents Union Club was concluded. The proceeds were for the Bomber Fund, British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China, Free Schools, and Free Medical Services.

Following were yesterday's results:

400 metres open relay:—1. Sing Tao (Ng Nin, Shek Kam-pui, Wong Tse-hung, Li Fook-ki). 2. Residents Union Club (John Tai, Chan Chiu-cheung, Mak Kwok-hung, Chan Kwok-kwun). Time: 5:27 8-10.

Women's 200 metres breaststroke (open):—1. Ng Shu-lin, 2. Sum Wai-yung. Time: 3:46 6-10.

50 metres sidestroke:—1. John Tai 2. Chan Chiu-cheung, 3. Chan Chui-cheung, 3. Chan Kwok-kwun.

50 metres (open to film stars):—1. Yiu Ping, 2. Yeung Bun. Time: 38.4.

100 metres backstroke (open):—1. Ng Nin, 2. Poon Wing-kai, 3. Lau Yui-ting. Time: 1:16 1-10.

50 metres:—1. John Tai, 2. Mak Kwok-hung, 3. Chan Chui-cheung.

100 metres breaststroke (open to film stars):—1. Yeung Bun, 2. Yiu Ping. Time: 1:41 1-2.

Women's 50 metres backstroke:—1. Tsang Fung-kwun, 2. Ng Sui-lin. Time: 48.3.

Diving (open):—1. Lam Ka-hung (151 pts.), 2. Wo Ka-kul (139 pts.), 3. To Chung-ming (111 pts.).

Water Polo:—Middlesex lost to Residents Union Club 1-0. Teams—Residents Union—Wong Cheung; Wong Sau-sam Chan Kwong-kwun; Kwok Fung-sun; Yeung Mah-kit; Kwok Chan-han; Chui Cheuk-yau; Middlesex—Goddard; Bindon; Quickerdon; Jennings; Biffcey, Bodge, Puddfoot.

## YESTERDAY BOWLS MATCHES

Two League Lawn bowls matches were played at King's Park yesterday in spite of the inclement weather, when Recreio "A" beat Recreio "B" by five clear points in First Division and Craigengower Cricket Club defeated Recreio by 4 points to 1 in Third Division.

The First Division game between Indian Recreation Club and Kowloon Docks which was to have been played at Sookunpob was postponed.

### Recreio "B" Beaten

At King's Park, Recreio "A" beat Recreio "B" by five clear points in First Division of the Lawn Bowls League yesterday.

Recreio "A"		Recreio "B"	
D. C. Alves	J. Luz	C. E. Marques	J. F. V. Riberio
C. H. Basto	J. F. V. Riberio	J. C. Remedios	J. F. V. Riberio
J. J. Basto	C. G. Silva	(Skip)	15 (Skip)
C. Vas	F. X. Soares	A. M. Xavier	C. Roza-Pereira
A. M. Rodrigues	F. V. V. Riberio	F. P. Guterres	R. F. Luz
(Skip)	12 (Skip)	F. A. Machado	L. F. Xavier
C. A. Lopes	C. M. Silva	E. Souza	H. A. Alves
J. E. Noronha	F. X. Silva	(Skip)	13 (Skip)
Totals	40		67

### C.C.C. Beat Recreio

At King's Park, Craigengower Cricket Club beat Club de Recreio in Third Division by 2 rinks to 1 and on aggregate (4 points to 1).

C.C.C.		Recreio	
L. A. Rozario	F. X. Delgado	F. X. Monteiro	R. K. Pavri
M. F. Pinna	C. W. Lam	P. A. Yvanovich	N. P. Karanjia
(Skip)	17 (Skip)	F. Sequeira	L. M. Roza
H. M. Xavier	W. J. Curd	A. F. Noronha	E. S. Franks
M. A. Carvalho	A. J. Coelho	(Skip)	23 (Skip)
C. A. Riberio	E. J. Tock	E. A. R. Alves	F. K. Modi
M. Mendonca	G. Ladd	M. Alarcon	D. A. Rozario
(Skip)	14 (Skip)	Totals	54

## K.C.C. Cricketers At Bowls

Members of the successful Kowloon Cricket Club's senior and junior cricket teams gathered at the Club yesterday for tiffin, following which they met in a bowls match which the seconds won after an extra head by all rinks:

First XI		Second XI	
A. Zimmer	H. Brokenshire	F. R. Zimmer	K. M. Baxter
D. Hung	R. A. Madar	J. P. Robinson	W. W. Parsons
(Skip)	16 (Skip)	E. F. Fincher	A. E. Perry
D. J. N. Anderson	E. Curtis	H. D. Lloyd	F. Goodwin
E. C. Fincher	S. A. Gray	(Skip)	24 (Skip)
R. T. Broad-bridge	W. C. Hung	L. R. Burch	R. J. Fenton
N. A. E. Mackay	R. Leigh	T. W. Carr	G. E. Taylor
(Skip)	13 (Skip)	Totals	53

## READING WIN LONDON CUP

Reading won the London Cup beating Brentford on Saturday by three goals to two after sharing two goals at the interval.

Sherwood scored after three minutes for Reading, but half-an-hour later, Perry equalised. Then Poland in goal for Brentford punched through attempting to save from City for Reading, to lead, but Perry again levelled though before the end, Edelson released from the international match scored the deciding goal.

Mrs. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, attended the game and the team were presented to him and he later handed the cup to the winning captain.

For the first time, manager, referee, each, claims a five-year contract on terms. Gomez, hard-hitting striker, may wait for Tampa, Jack Dempsey, but his old handler, Gomez, will get somewhere.

# Skips Tables

FOLLOWING IS THE RECORD OF THE SKIPS IN THE THREE DIVISIONS OF THE LEAGUE:—

### FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts.
J. Shepherd (P.R.C.)	5	5	0	0	129	76	53	0	10
U. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	5	5	0	0	119	72	47	0	10
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	4	4	0	0	92	65	27	0	8
C. S. Fussler (C.C.C.)	5	4	0	1	121	73	48	0	8
B. W. Bradbury (C.C.C.)	5	4	0	1	125	85	40	0	8
R. F. Luz (Rec. "A")	5	4	0	1	120	81	39	0	8
A. P. Guterres (Rec. "B")	5	4	0	1	111	75	36	0	8
C. G. Silva (Rec. "A")	5	4	0	1	101	82	19	0	8
A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C. "A")	5	3	1	1	108	82	26	0	7
A. J. Hall (K.B.G.C. "A")	5	3	0	2	101	90	11	0	6
F. X. Silva (Rec. "A")	5	2	2	1	101	92	9	0	6
W. Mair (P.R.C.)	5	3	0	2	94	100	0	6	6
T. A. Madar (K.C.C.)	6	3	0	3	118	130	0	12	6
R. Dunbar (K.B.G.C. "B")	5	2	1	2	114	108	6	0	5
R. Morrison (K.D.R.C.)	4	2	0	2	77	65	12	0	4
A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	4	2	0	2	81	75	6	0	4
A. R. Dallah (I.R.C.)	4	2	0	2	76	71	5	0	4
J. Rempton (K.D.R.C.)	4	2	0	2	73	84	0	11	4
L. Guy (K.B.G.C. "B")	5	2	0	3	93	101	0	8	4
M. N. Rakusen (C.S.C.C.)	5	2	0	3	93	101	0	8	4
J. J. Basto (Rec. "B")	5	2	0	3	87	98	0	11	4
C. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	5	1	1	3	92	104	0	12	3
L. J. Silva (Recreio "B")	1	1	0	0	17	15	2	0	2
J. G. Meyer (K.B.G.C. "B")	2	1	0	1	38	44	0	6	2
J. F. McGowan (C.S.C.C.)	5	1	0	4	88	109	0	21	2
J. McKelvie (K.B.G.C. "B")	5	1	0	4	77	105	0	28	2
B. Basto (Rec. "B")	4	1	0	3	62	92	0	30	2
T. O'Leary (K.D.R.C.)	5	1	0	4	65	140	0	75	2
J. Fraser (K.C.C.)	6	0	0	6	91	123	0	32	2
F. Collen (K.D.R.C.)	2	0	1	1	29	43	0	14	1
G. S. Sherriff (K.B.G.C. "A")	3	0	0	3	51	68	0	17	0
F. G. Phet (P.R.C.)	5	0	0	5	77	114	0	37	0
E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)	6	0	0	6	86	144	0	58	0
Totals	150	71	8	71	2907	2907	586	386	150

### SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts.
A. J. Kew (K. Tong)	5	5	0	0	144	72	72	0	10
J. L. Stephens (K. Tong)	5	4	1	0	122	85	37	0	9
O. P. Remedios (Recreio)	6	4	1	1	114	112	2	0	9
W. V. Field (K.F.C.)	4	4	0	0	114	74	40	0	8
W. MacFarlane (H.K.F.C.)	6	3	1	2	193	97	26	0	7
H. W. Randal (C.C.C.)	4	3	0	1	86	62	24	0	6
W. Melrose (T.D.R.C.)	4	3	0	1	88	65	23	0	6
T. L. Lock (C.C.C.)	4	3	0	1	85	64	21	0	6
P. Younghusband (K.F.C.)	4	3	0	1	76	67	9	0	6
W. J. Howard (K. Tong)	5	2	1	2	116	87	29	0	5
A. Seven (K.C.C.)	5	2	1	2	90	103	0	13	5
C. Gowland (P.O.C.)	4	2	0	2	102	67	35	0	4
W. J. Bagley (P.O.C.)	4	2	0	2	84	103	0	19	4
A. Jillett (P.O.C.)	4	2	0	2	69	94	0	25	4
I. A. Remedios (Recreio)	5	2	0	3	91	89	2	0	4
W. Gill (H.K.F.C.)	5	2	0	3	85	89	0	4	4
R. S. Meadows (K.C.C.)	5	2	0	3	98	106	0	8	4
M. J. Medina (C.C.C.)	4	1	1	2	73	87	0	14	3
C. C. Pereira (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	33	11	22	0	2
L. A. R. Duncan (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	21	19	2	0	2
A. Jillett (P.O.C.)	2	1	0	1	41	33	8	0	2
T. Fergusson (K.F.C.)	3	1	0	2	62	72	0	10	2
F. Goodwin (H.K.C.C.)	4	1	0	3	65	83	0	18	2
A. W. Brown (H.K.C.C.)	4	1	0	3	67	88	0	21	2
G. E. Costello (H.K.C.C.)	4	1	0	3	61	89	0	28	2
J. C. Chalmers (T.D.R.C.)	4	1	0	3	70	98	0	28	2
A. Brooksbank (H.K.F.C.)	4	1	0	3	53	98	0	45	2
J. A. Watson (T.D.R.C.)	5	1	0	4	70	105	0	35	2
T. W. Carr (K.C.C.)	6	1	0	5	108	160	0	54	2
J. R. Soares (Recreio)	2	0	0	2	27	38	0	11	0
W. Simpson (K.F.C.)	3	0	0	3	39	58	0	19	0
H. V. Pearce (H.K.F.C.)	3	0	0	3	39	58	0	19	0
Totals	126	60	6	60	2475	2475	352	352	126

### THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts.
H. Nish (K.B.G.C.)	5	4	0	1	112	79	33	0	8
R. Ogden (K.F.C.)	5	4	0	1	109	94	15	0	8
J. C. Aitken (P.R.C.)	4	3	0	1	103	59	44	0	6
A. M. Wahab (I.R.C.)	5	3	0	2	110	87	23	0	6
K. C. Hamilton (K.B.G.C.)	5	3	0	2	101	101	0	0	6
A. J. Coelho (C.C.C.)	5	3	0	2	85	90	0	5	6
B. Evans (K.F.C.)	5	3	0	2	86	99	0	13	6
J. MacDonald (P.R.C.)	4	2	1	1	89	47	42	0	5
S. M. Ruhjahn (I.R.C.)	5	2	1	2	101	100	1	0	5
C. Walis (K.B.G.C.)	2	2	0	0	80	25	35	0	4
C. F. Needham (H.K.F.C.)	2	2	0	0	60	30	20	0	4
L. Gatti (C.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	60	40	20	0	4
E. S. Abraham (H.K.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	43	31	12	0	4
N. P. Karanjia (C.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	76	54	22	0	4
G. S. Graver (H.K.F.C.)	3	2	0	1	62	60	2	0	4
A. O. Madar (I.R.C.)	4	2	0	2	75	65	11	0	4
M. F. Alarcon (Recreio)	4	2	0	2	75	83	0	8	4
J. Russell (H.K.F.C.)	4	2	0	2	64	90	0	26	4
J. T. Smalley (K.F.C.)	5	2	0	3	102	88	4	0	4
M. A. Carvalho (Recreio)	5	2	0	3	81	85	0	4	4
L. de Rome (H.K.E.R.C.)	5	2	0	3	87	96	0	9	4
D. A. Rozario (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	23	10	13	0	2
W. A. Cornell (H.K.G.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	15	5	0	2
S. H. Strange (H.K.F.C.)	1	1	0	0	21	16	5	0	2
J. B. Gl'roy (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	19	15	4	0	2
B. J. Jacob (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	16	4	0	2
C. C. Pereira (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	27	25	2	0	2
J. F. Lunny (H.K.E.R.C.)	2	1	0	1	49	45	4	0	2
G. S. Ladd (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	85	36	0	1	2
A. Nissim (H.K.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	34	41	0	7	2
F. Channing (P.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	57	58	0	1	2
P. C. Morgan (H.K.F.C.)	3	1	0	2	55	64	0	9	2
J. K. Sloan (H.K.E.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	51	83	0	32	2
P. A. Ivanovich (Recreio)	4	1	0	3	75	75	0	0	2
B. A. Mahall (H.K.F.C.)	4	1	0	3	71	80	0	9	2
A. E. Galey (P.D.C.)	1	0	0	1	23	24	0	1	0
B. A. Aitken (K.B.G.C.)	1	0	0	1	15	21	0	5	0
A. H. Meyer (I.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	21	0	5	0
P. S. Cassidy (H.K.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	21	0	5	0
O. E. Brennan (H.K.E.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	15	20	0	5	0
R. C. Butler (H.K.E.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	14	19	0	5	0
A. S. Mitchei (H.K.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	12	23	0	11	0
R. A. Edwards (H.K.O.C.)	1	0	0	1	13	29	0	16	0
G. Stephens (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	13	31	0	18	0
A. F. McDona (Recreio)	1	0	0	1	9	31	0	23	0
C. F. Thompson (K.B.G.C.)	2	0	0	2	27	38	0	11	0
A. M. Mahall (H.K.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	31	49	0	18	0
J. Paul (C.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	34	50	0	22	0
A. F. Paul (H.K.E.R.C.)	3	0	0	3	33	87	0	52	0
Totals	152	98	2	65	2552	2555	321	135	155



# TWENTIETH CENTURY ATHLETES PUT ACCENT ON STREAM-LINES

FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL MAN has glorified the human body. For centuries sculptors, poets and painters alike have praised the fine physiques of track and field athletes. The ancient Greeks considered imperfect physical development a disgrace, consequently even the youths sought to develop a beautiful and well proportioned body. In addition each individual aspired to excel in speed, endurance and courage. Hence it was only natural for these aspiring champions to turn to track and field sports as the media through which these qualities were to be developed.

Whether the Greeks realised it or not they were using modern science in their selection of physiques. For centuries, since the fall of Greece, too much stress has been laid on heavy large bunched muscles in the realm of sport. Such a type of muscle now is considered useless in our modern stream-lined athletic programme with the exception of such sports as wrestling and even here the amateurs prefer a lighter type of muscle.

## Cave-Men Out Of Date

Roughly speaking, from a layman's point of view there are two types of muscle the long and stringy muscles and the heavy bunched type. Since modern athletics have abandoned the old idea of brute strength and introduced rhythm, co-ordination and speed, the 20th century athlete is built more along the long lean and limber lines rather than the stocky cave-man breed of the past.

The reason for this change is that the heavy type of muscle is slow and awkward. A comparison might be an ox representing the heavy muscle and a fox typifying the stringy type. The assault on the records in every branch of sport during the last twenty years should prove to any doubting individual that this new theory is correct. The main reason that the heavy muscle is slower is because the human body is made up of layers of muscles. Therefore if the outer layers have to cross great masses of bulging muscles in their action, the resistance is much greater than that created by long stringy, flat muscles. However, one should not get the idea that the 20th Century athlete is a pale hollow chested specimen; the emphasis is now no longer on great bulging biceps.

## Moderation In Training

Many narrow minded critics are prone to belittle the values of track and field sports. To begin with, one must remember that any recreation or business in moderation is not harmful but when it becomes a mania then it is to be laid aside. Many folks fail to remember this and then when some aging runner or jumper develops heart trouble or some other such ailment they nod their heads and say, "What did I tell you?" Training in any sport should be taken seriously but not to the extent of inflicting bodily injuries.

Training improves the nervous and muscular control so that co-ordination of the mind and body approaches the ultimate perfect-



reflex action than those who stand on the side-lines. Participation in athletics also increases the efficiency and the range of the adjustments of the vital organs and increases the capacity to store temporarily, and to remove more efficiently, large amounts of lactic acid. Other values derived from training are better elimination of body wastes. From a social angle taking part in athletics gives the individual the chance of developing his personality and his circle of friends.

## Keep These Points In Mind

The aspiring athlete should keep several points in mind.

1. Never keep at one activity too long as it will become like a drug and you will either go at it too strenuously or will lose interest in it entirely. Mix in other sports out-of-season.
2. Never quit strenuous training too suddenly. Your heart and

## TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Only one match in the First Division of the Tennis League will be played to-day, when Hong Kong University Tennis Club meet South China Athletic Association, at Pokfulam. The other matches have been postponed owing to Volunteer Duties.

organs are developed to their fullest during your training and if you stop too suddenly you may weaken them. At the end of the season taper off so that your organs have a chance to re-adjust themselves to the new mode of living.

3. Keep a close watch over your health in and out of season. If during training you lose too much weight over a short period consult a doctor and accept his advice.
4. Remember that athletics are for RECREATION and are not a business; relax and enjoy them and don't take them too seriously.

## NO SWIMMING INTERPORT WITH MANILA

The Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation are unable to obtain permission from the State Department to send a team of swimmers and divers to the Colony for an Interport Swimming contest. This was learned from Mr. L. R. Hideson, local representative of the P.A.A.F., who has just received a letter to that effect from Dr. Ylanan, Secretary-Treasurer of the P.A.A.F.

The Philippine governing sports body have proposed as an alternative that Hong Kong send a representative team to Manila later in the season.

## EASTERN'S SUCCESSSES

The visiting Eastern Football team from Hong Kong played their third match in Australia on Saturday, when they beat Newcastle and the Northern Districts by 5 goals to 3.

Yesterday they beat Granville by 7 goals to 4.—Reuter.

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# R.A.F. BOMBING BLOWS

## Nazi Ships Attacked Along Coast Of Europe

### GERMAN 'PLANES ON WAY TO ALEPPO

German 'planes were rumoured to have been seen flying very high over Hatai, south-western Turkey, by night, going to Aleppo.

They were outside the range of A.A. guns, the reports from Ankara added.—Reuter.

### APPEAL TO FRENCH IN SYRIA

Hope of securing Arab and French cooperation in the task in Syria was expressed in a Cairo Middle East communique yesterday which, referring to Syria, says:

"Early this morning, Allied Forces under the command of General Wilson, crossed the frontier into Syria with the object of eliminating German personnel and influence from certain areas in which they are securing a dominating position through continued infiltration.

"If allowed to proceed unchecked, the establishment of German bases in these areas might endanger the security of the Allied situation in the Middle East and lead to the Arab countries being seized by the Axis Powers.

## Daylight Campaign Success

THE AIR MINISTRY ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY FURTHER BLOWS BY THE R.A.F. BOMBER COMMAND ON SATURDAY IN THE THREE-MONTHS OLD DAYLIGHT CAMPAIGN AGAINST ENEMY SHIPPING FROM NORWAY TO THE MEDITERRANEAN.

It has already been announced that a convoy of supply ships off the Dutch coast was attacked during the morning and two ships set afire and probably destroyed. Other vessels in this convoy were damaged.

Later in the day, the communique also discloses, bomb and machine-gun attacks were made on an escorted supply ship off the Norwegian coast and other vessels in convoy off the Dutch coast.

A salvage ship lying beside a large submerged wreck off Terschelling and surrounded by anti-aircraft ships, was bombed and set on fire.

ed, the establishment of German bases in these areas might endanger the security of the Allied situation in the Middle East and lead to the Arab countries being seized by the Axis Powers.

"It is hoped to secure both French and Arab cooperation in this task.—Reuter.

Two British bombers were hotly engaged by German fighters on the way back. One enemy fighter was damaged.

#### Offensive Patrols

Eighty-three ships have been sunk in daring low-level attacks by R.A.F. bombers in the past three months, it is officially announced.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Peirse, Commander-in-Chief, Bomber Command, in a special Order of the Day, congratulated the pilots on their success on Saturday.

Aircraft of the Fighter Command carried out offensive patrols over the Straits of Dover and occupied territory.

#### Bergen Docks Raided

Three British bombers and a fighter are missing from Saturday's daylight operations.

The R.A.F. attack on Saturday night on the German naval base at Brest is described by the Air Ministry as successfully carried out in spite of sea fog which made observation difficult, and many sticks of bombs were dropped across the docks. Coastal Command aircraft attacked docks and shipping at Bergen during the night. No British bombers were lost.—Reuter.

#### FIERCE BATTLES IN SYRIA

(Continued from Page 1) with the tasks assigned them."

The Allied line of attack stretches from Meri Ayoun, near the Lebanese coast, to the southern point of the Djebel Druse country, according to military quarters in Vichy.

#### No Continuous Front

THERE IS NO CONTINUOUS FRONT BUT THE ALLIES ARE ATTEMPTING TO ADVANCE IN SINGLE COLUMNS AT WIDELY SEPARATED POINTS.

General Dentz's second communique said: "British troops continued their attack in the south throughout the day. Our forces are defending themselves brilliantly along the whole line. Three enemy aircraft have been brought down and several armoured vehicles destroyed.

"Beirut was bombed at 3.30 and 6.30 p.m. The first raid was without result but in the second two small oil storage tanks were hit, causing a fire.

The aerodromes near Damascus, Neras and Rayak were bombed but no serious damage was caused.—Reuter.

#### Advance From Iraq

British troops are also advancing into Syria from Iraq along the River Euphrates, according to a Vichy report quoted by Reuter.

#### DEATH

BULLOCK—Gladys Beatrice, beloved wife of Harry Bullock and elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tomlin at the War Memorial Hospital on 8th June, 1941. Corer will pass the Monument at 2.15 p.m. to-day.

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## SWIFT SUCCESSES IN SYRIA

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### BRITISH LAND IN LEBANON

An announcement that British warships landed a detachment of troops armed with Tommy-guns on the coast of Lebanon, south of Beirut, yesterday morning, was made last night by the Vichy news agency.

The British naval forces, adds the agency, consisted of one battleship, two cruisers, and five destroyers which had been previously seen cruising off Beirut. The agency asserts the troops were "promptly taken prisoners."

Latest position of the fighting in Syria was given by the Vichy agency last night.

"Strong motorised and armoured detachments of British and de Gaulle troops, supported by artillery, are attempting to advance along the road leading from the Syrian frontier to Damascus."

"Our troops of all arms, whom this unprecedented attack has not taken unawares, are bravely doing their duty."—Reuter.

### BRITIAN EXPLAINS TO VICHY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A British Note, expressing regret that an invasion of Syria had become a necessity, is already en route in Vichy, if it has not already arrived, it was reliably learned in London yesterday.

The Note was said to have been prepared as a prelude to the British action.

A most reliable source told International News the Note says the steps were made necessary due to the loss of "the integrity, independence and neutrality of certain parts" of the French Empire.

It is believed the Note is being delivered, or has been delivered, by an important neutral source.

THE NOTE IS DESCRIBED AS EXPLAINING THAT BRITAIN HAS NO DESIGNS ON THE FRENCH EMPIRE AND DOES NOT WISH TO FIGHT HER FORMER ALLIES, BUT THE "IGNOMINIOUS USE" OF FRENCH BASES BY THE GERMAN ENEMY NECESSITATED THE MAJOR BRITISH ACTION NOW UNDER WAY. INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

### British Armies Striking For Two Chief Cities

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AFTER SMASHING ACROSS THE SYRIAN BORDER IN A FRONTAL OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE GERMAN BASES ESTABLISHED IN THE MANDATED TERRITORY, THE ALLIED FORCES HAVE CAPTURED THE VITAL OUTPOST OF SUWEIDA, IN THE JEBEL DRUSE AREA, JUST OVER 50 MILES FROM DAMASCUS, THE SYRIAN CAPITAL.

### 5,000 DROWNED IN INDIAN CATASTROPHE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

At least 5,000 were drowned in a cyclonic storm which razed several villages in the Calcutta area yesterday.

The Delta of the Ganges River was suddenly inundated by a gigantic tempest, causing one of the worst catastrophes in modern Indian history.

Torrential downpours, accompanied by a terrific whirlwind, trapped thousands of villagers in their huts. —International News Service.

### Three-Sided Attack

"The British and Free French invasion of Syria and Lebanon is developing into a large scale three-sided attack from the British controlled territories of Palestine, Transjordan and Iraq."

This is reported by the correspondent of the National Broadcasting Corporation, Martin

The fall of Suweida was officially admitted in Vichy only eight hours after the Allied penetration of Syria and Lebanon. Suweida is 20 miles north of the Transjordan border and is connected by rail and road with Damascus.

The Jebel Druse area for many years has been a centre of anti-French unrest. The natives there for long have fought French rule and domination.

It is believed in London that the British armies are striking for the two chief Syrian cities of Damascus and Beirut. So far the fighting apparently has been sharp but brief.

The Allied attacks were launched from all the Syrian borders, and the British, it is indicated, are attacking from at least two directions, and possibly three.

THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE BRITISH NAVY, WHICH HAS ALREADY PUT TROOPS ASHORE ON THE LEBANON COAST, MAY CARRY OUT A MAJOR ATTACK.

### Nazi Reaction

The Vichy Government has protested to Britain, saying that "the invasion of Syria by British troops or mercenaries of Britain is an act of hostility against French sovereignty."

The word "mercenaries" is believed to be an allusion to the Free French forces.

Meanwhile, in Berlin, France is viewed by German Foreign Office circles as facing a major test in Franco-German relations.

Agronsky, from Ankara Radio. He cited reports that the British Mediterranean Fleet is cruising within gunshot range of Syrian ports.

The main British objectives, according to Mr. Agronsky's information, are Zare, Beirut, Aleppo and Damascus.

The forces from Palestine are apparently using the Haila-Beirut coast road.

MR. AGRONSKY COMMENTED THAT THE ONLY WAY THE GERMANS CAN HELP VICHY IN SYRIA IS BY AIR AND THE NEXT FEW DAYS WILL SHOW IF THEY HAVE MADE EFFECTIVE POLITICAL GROUNDWORK IN SYRIA BEFORE BEGINNING MILITARY ACTION. —REUTER.

### JAP. ARMY WARNING TO N.E.I.

Tokyo officialdom continues to maintain the utmost reserve regarding the Netherlands East Indies crisis.

It is however, reported without official confirmation that Mr. Matsuo, Japanese Foreign Minister, intends to send fresh instructions to the Japanese delegation within a few days thus paving the way for further contact between the Dutch and Japanese delegations.

The nature of the new instructions could not be determined; nevertheless their importance is foreshadowed by reports that Mr. Matsuo intends to draft these after full consultations with the Navy, Overseas Affairs Ministries and other Government departments concerned.

Meanwhile, the army organ, "Kokumin Shimbun", voiced yet another warning to the Netherlands East Indies, urging the Dutch Colony to drop procrastinating tactics and awake from the foolish dream that its interests can be served best by expanding military defence against Japan.

THE PAPER ADDS THAT JAPAN WILL BE FORCED TO RECONSIDER RELATIONS WITH THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT IF BATAVIA PERSISTS IN MAINTAINING AN "INSINCERE AND HAUGHTY FRONT". —REUTER.

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# VICIOUS ALEXANDRIA BLITZ

## Another Savage German All-Night Air Raid



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### P.W.D. MEN STILL ON STRIKE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Shanghai P.W.D. coolies are still on strike against the dismissal of a foreman whose reinstatement is demanded. Pickets armed with stones attacked non-strikers and damaged a P.W.D. truck. Several agitators were arrested. Meanwhile strikers of the Shanghai Waterworks are still on strike.—International News Service.

## SUICIDALLY LOW NAZI BOMBING

WHILE THE BRITISH AND FREE FRENCH FORCES ENTERED SYRIA, THE GERMANS LAUNCHED A SECOND SAVAGE AIR ATTACK ON ALEXANDRIA, SUBJECTING THE CITY TO YET ANOTHER VICIOUS ALL-NIGHT BLITZ.

Nazi squadrons, swooping to almost suicidally low altitudes, showered high explosive and incendiary bombs wide and far, causing death and destruction at several points in the city. Considerable damage was done in the European and Arab residential quarters alike and it is feared that hundreds were killed and injured.

Fires were started but were promptly controlled.

The main attack developed in the port area where a number of planes zoomed through a veritable hell of fire put up by British and Greek warships.

Amidst the inferno of screaming and exploding shells the enemy seemed determined to press home the attack but failed to hit a warship or any military objective.

The roaring of A.A. guns died away towards dawn when Alexandria's heaviest and most sustained raid came to an end.

From Malta, too, comes an official account of a raid by several enemy aircraft on Saturday night when planes attacking the island singly dropped bombs which, however, caused slight civilian damage and no casualties. In fact there was neither Service damage nor casualties.

One Italian light bomber was shot down by R.A.F. fighters and another so badly damaged that it probably did not reach its base.

Yesterday morning, enemy aircraft approached the coast but a raid did not materialise. — Reuter.

## BRITISH FLEET AT SEA

THE BRITISH AIRCRAFT-CARRIERS ARK ROYAL AND FURIOUS, THE BATTLE-CRUISER RENOWN, AND THE CRUISER SHEFFIELD, WITH FLOTILLAS OF TORPEDO-BOATS AND SUBMARINES, LEFT GIBRALTAR FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN AT DAWN YESTERDAY.

This is according to a dispatch from La Linea to Vichy yesterday.

It was also reported from La Linea that 10 merchantships coming from the Mediterranean anchored at Gibraltar yesterday morning. — Reuter.

## HEAVY DEATH ROLL IN "ALEX" RAID

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the British Mediterranean Fleet)

THE NAZI BLITZING of Alexandria now appears to be starting in earnest with frequent reconnaissance flights from which one aircraft was shot down yesterday afternoon and a large-scale bombing extending even to suburbs.

Although no official figures are available, enquiries at various hospitals indicate that very many were killed while the injured were very numerous.

The city to-day presents a remarkable sight with miles of long caravans of evacuating Egyptian families who commandeered every available vehicle, piling them high with their bedding, scant furniture and ancient horned gramophones, while the less fortunate slowly plod along the roads leading from the city with bedding and other bundles perched on their heads and carrying children. At the same time they drive a few miserable goats ahead of them.

Whole families of from eight to 10 people crowded into taxis which were almost unobtainable in the town for any other purpose.

### Bomb Havoc

The railway station throughout the day has been an indescribable spectacle being crowded with literally thousands of Arabs boarding special and ordinary trains on which it was impossible to make normal reservations.

Owing to the structure of the native houses, which are mostly mud, the bombs caused great havoc especially as the poorer quarter is extremely congested.

Despite this exodus there are no signs of panic or disorder, only resentment at the German ruthlessness. — Reuter.

## FIGHTER SUPPORT IN SYRIA

FIGHTER SUPPORT FOR THE ALLIED TROOPS IN SYRIA IS REVEALED IN A SPECIAL R.A.F. MIDDLE EAST COMMUNIQUE LAST NIGHT.

It says R.A.F. aircraft gave full support to the British, Imperial and Allied troops which crossed into Syria at dawn on Sunday.

Fighter aircraft which patrolled the sky over our advancing troops met with no opposition.

R.A.F. fighters intercepted and shot down a C.A.F. 100, bomber over Alexandria on Sunday afternoon and the Italian bomber crashed near Asame. — Reuter.

## ASSISTANT LOSES HIS GRIP... YET ONLY JUST BACK FROM LEAVE!

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IT'S NOT THAT SIR—THE CLIMATE MUST BE GETTING ME DOWN. I SEEM TO LACK ALL ENERGY—I EVEN WAKE TIRED—THINK I'LL SEE A DOCTOR.

AT THE DOCTOR'S  
YOUR TROUBLE IS NIGHT STARVATION, YOU SEE, WHILE YOU SLEEP YOUR HEART, LUNGS AND OTHER AUTOMATIC PROCESSES CONTINUE USING UP ENERGY. IN YOUR CASE, ALSO, THIS HAS LED TO AN EXCESS OF ACID WASTE PRODUCTS IN THE BLOOD. RECENT TESTS HAVE PROVED THAT HORLICKS AT BEDTIME IS WHAT YOU NEED.

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# GERMANS OPERATING FROM SPAIN COLONY

## Nazi 'Planes Based At Rio De Oro

GERMAN LONG-RANGE BOMBERS, IT WAS REPORTED IN LONDON YESTERDAY, ARE OPERATING FROM RIO DE ORO, THE NORTH-WEST AFRICAN SPANISH COLONY, AGAINST BRITISH CONVOYS IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC.

A British ship has just been sunk off East Africa by a lone 'plane, believed to have come from the Luftwaffe force stationed at Dakar, Casablanca or Rio de Oro.

Britain is watching the moves of the Spanish authorities in this part of the world, it was declared in London, and the Royal Navy is also ready again to take action against the Vichy Fleet.

Some quarters hint, in connection with the Syria operations, that incidents "more fearsome" than the Oran and Dakar fights may soon be witnessed.

### Panzers in Morocco

Reports have been received that French army transports are moving panzer troops and infantry from Marseilles to Spanish Morocco, opposite French Morocco.

Spain has also been building up an air force, composed of Italian and German planes, in Spanish Morocco, a good hopping off point for bombing Gibraltar. — International News Service.

## SELASSIE THANKS INDIANS

Haile Selassie has sent a special personal message of thanks to the Indian divisions which so greatly helped in overthrowing Italian rule in Abyssinia.

The message states: "I am well aware of the sympathy which the Indian public and press have shown for my people throughout the years of their misfortune and opposition, and I am grateful for it."

"I am even more grateful for the magnificent part which the Indian troops recently played in the liberation of my country. Their training in mountain warfare enabled them, at Keren and afterwards at Amba Alagi, to scale precipitous heights and capture positions which seemed impregnable."

"Their courage to face an enemy superior in numbers and armed with the most modern weapons, excited the admiration of all who know what they have done."

"I wish to express to all ranks of the Indian divisions who fought in the campaign, the freedom of my country, the sincere thanks of my country, myself and my people."

The message was signed on May 30 by the Emperor himself, seated at his writing table in the magnificent palace built by the Duke of Aosta. — Reuter.

The office of the Assistant Adjutant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, has been removed to Volunteer Headquarters, Garden Road, Tel. Nos. 22/44/33088 and 23070.

## RUSSO-GERMAN TALKS, SNAGS

WHILE BOTH LONDON and Berlin are concerned regarding the Soviet attitude, it is considered in neutral circles that something has gone wrong with the German-Russian negotiations.

A certain sharpening in these relations seems discernable, it was stated in Stockholm yesterday.

The Germans profess to find some satisfaction in the fact that the Russian radio has increased German language broadcasts while abstaining from anti-German propaganda.

The Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm newspaper "Demokraten," commenting on the journey of Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador in Moscow, says German newspapers are asking how Sir Stafford will make his journey to London in compliance with Mr. Eden's request.

They point out that any journey from Sweden to Britain must go over German-controlled areas.

Complete silence is maintained in Stockholm on the subject. — Reuter.

## 1,000 KILLED IN E. AFRICA

A Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday says: "Libya: Tobruk. Artillery on both sides has been active."

"Abyssinia: After crossing the River Omo in two places, East and West African troops are pressing forward."

"At the northern crossing alone, the enemy lost over 100 dead, leaving 1,000 or more prisoners in our hands."

"In addition we captured 20 guns, 200 lorries, many machine-guns and quantities of war material. The retreating enemy forces are being vigorously pursued."

"Iraq: The situation remains calm." — Reuter.

### FIFTH TIME

With five previous convictions Wu Ho-fuk, 17, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning for attempting to steal \$9 from Lau Loh, 42, manager of Kelly Bros. No. 60, Castle Peak, in Sham Shui Po Street yesterday.

## FRANCE HAS 45,000 TROOPS IN SYRIA

France is thought to have about 45,000 troops in Syria, of whom a third to a quarter are white.

The others are Senegalese, Algerians, Tunisians, Syrians, Lebanese and possibly some Indo-Chinese.

It is believed that the French forces have a certain number of tanks and there is a small air force — about 100 machines. British Wireless.

## BENGHAZI BLAZING FURNACE

Benghazi, the Libyan harbour and base occupied by the Axis forces, was turned into a blazing furnace by Royal Air Force bombers on Friday night for the second time in succession.

Fires raging among military buildings and in the harbour area were "stoked up" by bombers until they could be seen 50 miles away.

Last night's R.A.F. Middle East communique, which reports the raid, also refers to an attack on the Derna aerodrome and Bara and to bombing and machine-gunning attacks in the Jimma area of Abyssinia.

R.A.F. fighters also carried out protective patrols over shipping in the Mediterranean and one enemy aircraft was driven off by a South African fighter and forced to jettison its bombs.

All R.A.F. aircraft returned safely from all operations. — Reuter.



This picture was taken during a visit to the Women's Auxiliary Air Force School of Instruction at a mansion taken over by the R.A.F. in the Home Counties. Here members of the W.A.A.F. undergo a two weeks Officers Training Course. (Copyright, Fox).

## ISOLATION "THING OF THE PAST"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") ADMIRAL HARRY YARNELL, formerly in command of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet, declared in Hoboken yesterday: "Fight now while Britain and China are our allies."

Admiral Yarnell, who was speaking at Stevens Institute of Technology Commencement Day, continued: "Isolation is a thing of the past and our safety and welfare are threatened."

"If Britain and China fall we alone will guard Democracy. Europe and China must be returned to their people."

In another address yesterday, Mrs. Roosevelt, speaking at St. Paul, Minn., was applauded by an audience of 12,000 when she declared: "None in his sane mind wants to go to war, but just the same a lot of people in Europe who haven't wanted to go to war have found war in their countries."

While Mrs. Roosevelt was being introduced, five youths caused a disturbance in the balcony by booing and were escorted from the building.

### Col. Lindbergh

Contradicted

Twenty women pickets stood outside the building carrying

crudely marked placards denouncing war and aid to Britain. They refused to say what organisations they represented.

One sign read: "Who's President, Franklin or Eleanor?"

Mrs. Roosevelt in her address sharply contradicted the isolationist statements of Senator Burton Wheeler and Col. Lindbergh though not mentioning them by name. — International News Service.

### GEN. WILSON IN CHARGE

General Wilson, G.O.C. Palestine, is in charge of the whole Syrian operation, in which the Allied troops are supported by aircraft and include British, Australians, Indians and Free French, it was learned in London yesterday, says Reuter.

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# SYRIA INVASION STARTS IN NICK OF TIME

THE MOVE BY THE British and the Free French to prevent the Germans assuming control of Syria and turning it into a battleground was taken in the nick of time, as evidence was accumulating of growing German infiltration.

It is understood that General Dentz, French High Commissioner in Syria, was recently informed by Vichy that a German Mission would arrive at Aleppo about June 15 to take over control and administration of the Aleppo district. The seriousness of such action requires no emphasis.

It was also learned that early in May, General Huntziger informed General Dentz that Admiral Darlan, in the course of a conversation with Hitler, had conceded air bases in Syria to the Germans, and General Dentz was asked to report, for the information of the disarmament commission, whether this was likely to cause trouble in the Syrian army and if so, to suggest how the position could be overcome. General Dentz suggested in reply that the aerodrome should be used by the Germans in transit.

## Two Important Declarations

While not under-estimating the importance of the declaration granting liberty and independence to Syria and Lebanon, the economic provisions of the British and Free French declarations are almost equal in importance. Since France's capitulation, the economic life of Syria has been almost paralysed, imports falling to the minimum and hampered by grave exchange difficulties, while oil has ceased to run through the pipeline to Syria. The declarations contain promises of economic revival with the lifting of the blockade, granting opportunities to enter into relations with the sterling block. There seems a good probability that Syria is disgusted with the Germans and tired of Vichy and will accept the offered independence and help the Free French to drive the Germans from the country. — Reuter.

## Resistance Useless

General Wavell, in a proclamation to the soldiers of France in Syria, justifies the British action by describing that Syria and Lebanon were, "the first stage" in the German conquest of the French colonies. "We have come in considerable force and any resistance on your part would be useless," added General Wavell. The British Ambassador to Egypt, Sir Miles Lampson yesterday issued an authorised announcement intimating that if the peoples of Syria and Lebanon supported the Allies, the blockade would be lifted from their country and they would immediately be able to enter the sterling bloc and would be assured of all advantages belonging to free countries associated with Britain. — Reuter.

## TRAVELS OF MEN OF VICHY

ADMIRAL DARLAN IS RETURNING TO PARIS TO RESUME THE CONVERSATIONS WITH GERMANY, ACCORDING TO THE GENEVA NEWSPAPER "LA SUISSE" YESTERDAY. Laval reached unoccupied France yesterday at Clermont-Ferrand, near Vichy which is reported to be his eventual destination. His return has provoked much comment. General Weygand has left Vichy and French colonial regents in Africa are returning to their posts. — Reuter.

## TO END INDIAN IMPASSE

To end the political impasse, the Bengal Premier, Fazal-ul-Huq, on Saturday suggested a round table conference presided over by Lord Linlithgow in a personal capacity to bring together the Indian leaders.

He is optimistic that this may result in national governments at the centre and in the Provinces, enabling India to pull its full weight in the war effort.

The Punjab Premier, Sir Sikander Hyat Khan, repeated his suggestion for a round table conference of Premiers and leaders of parties in legislatures.

The Sind Home Minister, Sir Ghulam Hussain, appealing to leaders of all parties to unite in the utmost war effort, suggested a conference of representatives of legislatures and elements outside, including the Princes.

The pro-Congress "Hindu Times" says that if an immediate settlement is "imperative, in view of the threat to our security, which may assume formidable proportions any day," the most hopeful approach will be a Premiers' conference including those who are in prison to-day. — Reuter.

## CENSOR'S POWERS INCREASED

Tightening up of the Australian censorship is revealed in an amendment to the National Security Regulations.

It gives the Government power to prohibit the publication of any newspaper whose editor, printer or publisher has on more than one occasion disregarded the censorship order.

This power may be exercised when the matter is published after an order forbidding its publication has been issued.

Before exercising the power, however, the Minister must be satisfied that the publication, or the continued publication is likely to prejudice the defence of the Commonwealth or the efficiency of the prosecution of the war. — Reuter.

## YUGOSLAV PROTEST IN LONDON

The Yugoslav Minister in London has handed to the Foreign Secretary the following statement, in which the Yugoslav Government protest against the attempt by Germany and Italy to annex the territory inhabited by Slovenes:—

"The Government of the German Reich and the Government of the Kingdom of Italy, after having occupied the territory of Yugoslavia by military force, have annexed Slovenia, one part to Germany and one part to Italy."

"This brutal dismemberment of the Slovene people, besides being a completely unjustifiable proceeding, is contrary to ethical principles because on this territory annexed by Germany and Italy lives a population which is absolutely compact and of pure Slovene origin."

"The Royal Yugoslav Government, which includes among its members legitimate representatives of the Slovene people, protest against these proceedings of the Government of the German Reich and the Government of the Kingdom of Italy, which proceedings are aimed to destroy the Slovene people and dismember the territory of Yugoslavia as a nation and as a State." — British Wireless.

## TERRIFIC HEAT IN DESERT

A PRESS CORRESPONDENT WITH THE MIDDLE EAST FORCES WRITES THAT THERE HAS BEEN PRACTICALLY NO ACTIVITY IN THE WESTERN DESERT, WHERE THE HEAT HAS BEEN TERRIFIC IN THE LAST FEW DAYS, THE THERMOMETER REGISTERING 135 DEGREES.

The Germans still hold Halfaya Pass and several posts, including Mussaid, along the Egyptian frontier.

At Tobruk the only activity has been spasmodic bombing.

A communique issued from British G.H.Q. in Cairo states: "On all fronts the situation remains unchanged." — British Wireless.

## EXPOSURE OF AXIS CANARD

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S VIGOROUS DENUNCIATION OF PEACE RUMOURS AND THEIR PURVEYORS OVERSHADOWED EVERYTHING ELSE OVER THE AMERICAN RADIO AND ON THE FRONT PAGES OF THE NEWSPAPERS.

Commentators welcomed the statement, particularly approving his exposure that such reports emanated from Axis sources.

The fact that the President authorised quotations from his statement is held as significant, emphasising the importance he attached to his declaration. — Reuter.

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# LIKELY LINE OF ALLIED ADVANCE

THE LIKELY LINE of advance of the British and Free French Forces in Syria is the most natural one along the coast road through Saida or Beirut, it was stated in Cairo yesterday.

It is known the French have some blocks on the road but it is uncertain whether these are real military obstacles or merely traffic control blocks such as were well known to those travelling in France in wartime.

The French in Syria were deprived of many of their weapons by the Armistice Commission but it is known they have some tanks and armoured cars. Important thing, however, is not armaments but the reaction of the population and of the French troops.

The advance has been followed by the issue of a number of proclamations, namely one from General de Gaulle to the French forces in the Levant, another from General Wavell to the French forces and two from General Catroux to the troops and people of the Levant, respectively.

## We Shall Have Them

General de Gaulle's proclamation says: "Offices, N.C.O.'s, soldiers, sailors and airmen of the Levant, now is the hour to resume the fight for the liberation of France."

"I have appointed General Catroux representative and Commander-in-Chief of French forces in the Levant. You are to obey his orders."

"This time we shall have them and France shall win the war. A bientot (So-long)." — Reuter.

# U.S. NAVAL PATROL IN CARIBBEAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, revealed yesterday that the United States has an agreement for a daily naval warship and aeroplane patrol in the French islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe.

The U.S. Navy also has an observer stationed at Martinique, he added.

Replying to a letter from Senator Mead, of New York, urging United States acquisition of French possessions in the western hemisphere, Mr. Hull said the State Department was "giving full and careful consideration" to problems presented by French possessions in the western hemisphere.—International News Service.

# RANGOON BROADCAST TO THAI

A new daily programme from Rangoon for Thailand listeners, which began on Saturday evening, has evoked considerable interest in Thailand.

The programme was inaugurated by a message from Premier U Saw, followed by Sir Joseph Maung Gyi, ex-Acting Governor of Burma and at present President of the Senate, states a Reuter message from Rangoon.

"Thailanders felt themselves spiritually drawn closer to Burma when for the first time Burma sent greetings across the ether," it was stated in Bangkok.

"Both Premier U Saw's and Sir Joseph Maung Gyi's message emphasise the racial, cultural and specially religious affinities, and deeply impressed listeners, recalling the latter's former association with Chiang Mai where he resided for 10 years."—Reuter.

# NEW PORT AT ANGOLA

IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN LISBON YESTERDAY THAT A NEW PORT WHICH IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT LUANDA, CAPITAL OF ANGOLA, WILL BE ONE OF THE FINEST ALONG THE WHOLE AFRICAN COAST.

The port will be built by Anglo-Dutch Engineering and Oil Works, Ltd.

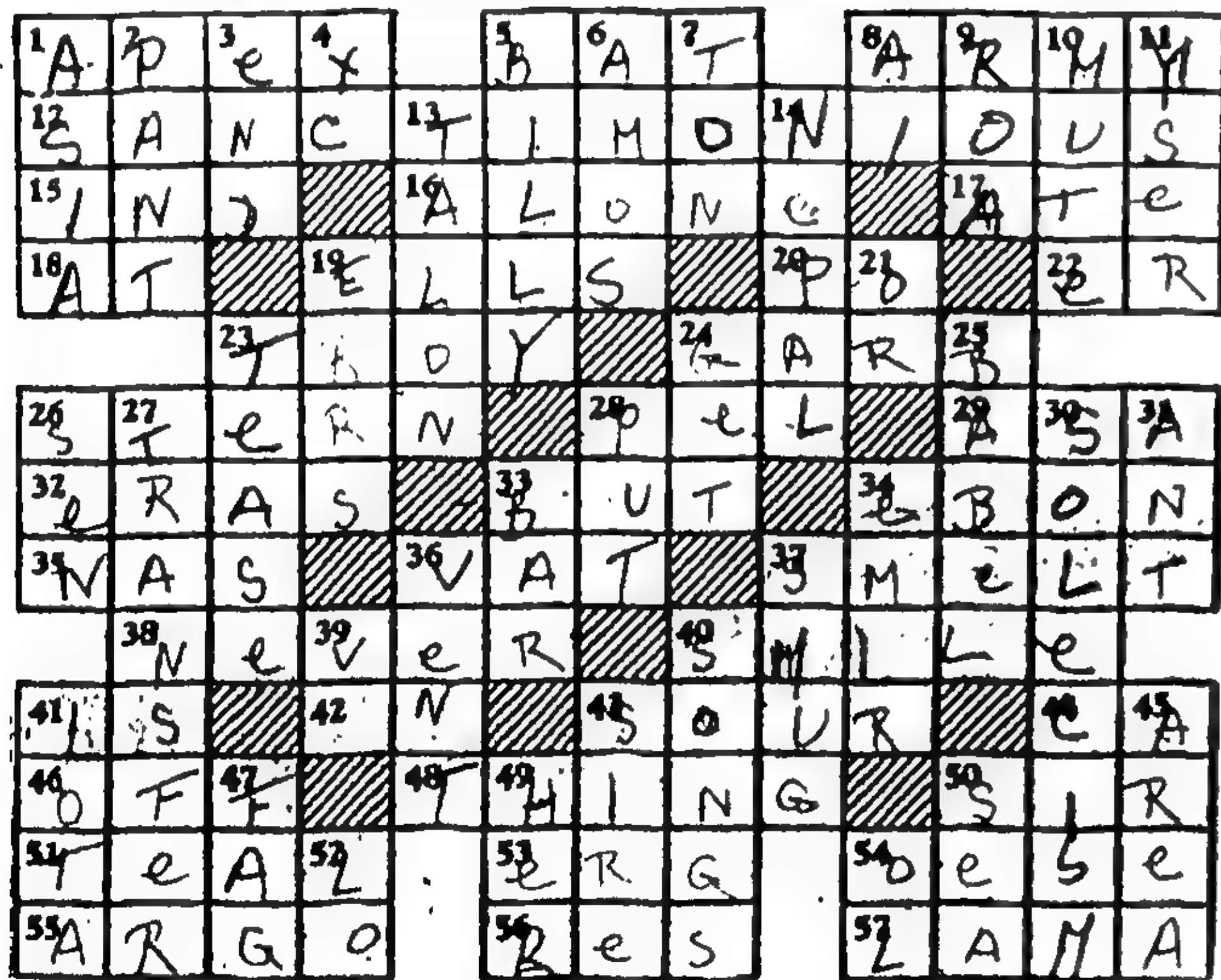
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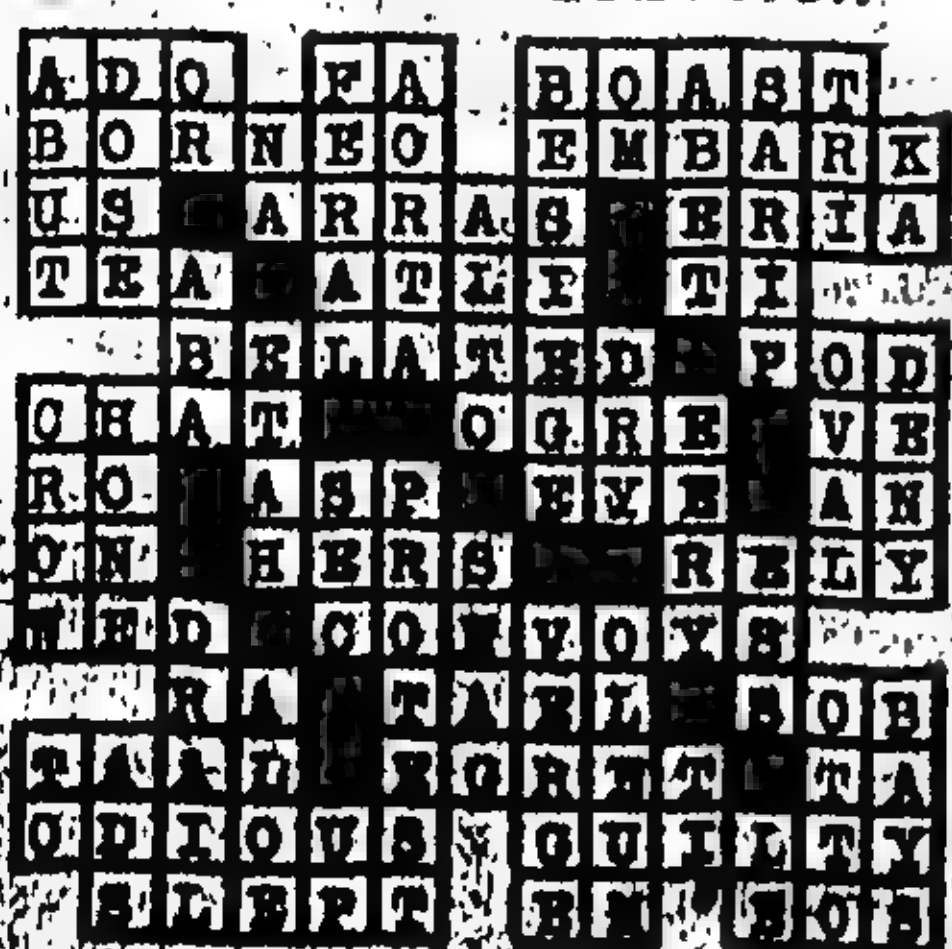
### HORIZONTAL

- 1 Highest point
- 5 Club
- 8 Vast horde
- 12 Affecting holiness
- 15 Poetic
- 16 Hindustan
- 17 Unaccompanied
- 18 Devoured
- 19 Preposition
- 20 Cloth measure (pl.)
- 21 Italian river
- 22 Teutonic deity
- 23 Ancient city in Asia Minor
- 24 Apparel
- 26 Severe
- 28 Swordsman's dummy stake
- 29 Man's name
- 32 Historical periods
- 33 However
- 34 Black
- 35 Part of "do be"
- 36 Large container
- 37 To "fame" as ore
- 38 Ap'no time
- 40 To grin
- 41 Exile
- 42 British measure

### VERTICAL

- 1 Continent
- 2 To breathe laboriously
- 3 Finish
- 4 Ninety
- 5 Policeman's club
- 6 Man's name
- 7 Heavy weight
- 8 Sloth
- 9 Kiwi
- 10 Dumb
- 11 Belgian river
- 13 Claw
- 14 Asiatic kingdom
- 19 Is mistaken
- 21 Conjunction
- 23 To annoy
- 24 To receive
- 25 Confusion of cries
- 26 To stitch
- 27 To convey from one place to another
- 28 To set
- 30 Breach of etiquette
- 31 Insect
- 33 To forbid
- 34 Maslem prince
- 36 Small aperture
- 37 Self-satisfied
- 39 Norse god
- 40 Ditties
- 41 Greek letter
- 43 Father
- 44 Plane surface
- 47 To exhaust
- 49 Prominent
- 50 Ocean
- 51 Behold
- 54 Symbol for gold

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# British Attacking Along Main Road To Damascus

ALTHOUGH OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN CAIRO ARE AS YET RE-  
TICENT REGARDING THE PROGRESS OF THE BRITISH,  
IMPERIAL AND FREE FRENCH FORCES WHICH STARTED THE  
INVASION OF SYRIA AT 2 O'CLOCK ON SUNDAY MORNING,  
IT IS KNOWN THAT THE ADVANCE INTO THE TERRITORY IS  
PROCEEDING AND THAT FIERCE FIGHTING HAS OCCURRED,  
AND IS STILL RAGING, SOME 20 MILES FROM THE SYRIAN  
FRONTIER.

While Cairo announces that the Allied  
troops advancing into Syria have made some  
progress, it is not known in Cairo whether  
opposition has been encountered or what are  
the reactions of the French in Syria, and  
authoritative Cairo circles are without any  
very definite news of the situation.

It is officially announced by R.A.F. Head-  
quarters in the Middle East, however, that  
British fighters covering the Allied advance  
into Syria have encountered no opposition.

Only actual news of fighting  
comes from Vichy, where a  
Petain Government announce-  
ment, quoted by the German  
radio, says the British troops in  
Syria are marching in a southerly  
direction.

The announcement says fierce  
battles are going on in the moun-  
tains of Djebel Druze, just south  
of Suweida, which is about 20  
miles from Syria's frontier with  
Transjordan and some 55 miles  
south-south-east of Damascus.

## On Road To Damascus

The Vichy news agency says  
that "strong motorised and  
armoured detachments" of Bri-  
tish and Free French troops, sup-  
ported by artillery, are encounter-  
ing resistance on the road to Dam-  
ascus.

General Dentz's headquarters  
are at Beirut, and the first  
communique from there an-  
nounces that the R.A.F. bombed  
the aerodrome at Mezze, near  
Damascus, yesterday morning,  
"causing damage but no casual-  
ties."

The R.A.F. have twice raided  
Beirut, setting fire to oil dumps.

The French communique says  
British troops attacked the  
southern frontier of Syria and  
Lebanon from 3.45 yesterday  
morning and "contact was made  
with our advance posts, which  
engaged the enemy in accordance  
with the tasks assigned them."

The Allied line of attack  
stretches from Meri Ayoun, near  
the Lebanese coast, to the  
southern point of the Djebel Druze  
country, according to military  
quarters in Vichy.

## No Continuous Front

THERE IS NO CONTINUOUS  
FRONT BUT THE ALLIES ARE  
ATTEMPTING TO ADVANCE  
IN SINGLE COLUMNS AT  
WIDELY SEPARATED POINTS.

General Dentz's second com-  
munique said: "British troops  
continued their attack in the  
south throughout the day. Our  
forces are defending themselves  
brilliantly along the whole line.  
"Three enemy aircraft have  
been brought down and several  
armoured vehicles destroyed.

"Beirut was bombed at 3.30  
and 6.30 p.m. The first raid was  
without result but in the second  
two small oil storage tanks were  
hit, causing a fire.

The aerodromes near Damas-  
cus, Neras and Rayak were  
bombed but no serious damage  
was caused.—Reuter.

## Advance From Iraq

British troops are also  
advancing into Syria from  
Iraq along the River Euph-  
rates, according to a Vichy  
report quoted by Reuter.

**BERNHARD  
IN CANADA**

Prince Bernhard of the Nether-  
lands has arrived unexpectedly  
from England for a fortnight's  
visit to see Princess Juliana and  
his two daughters in Ottawa.—  
Reuter.

## HENNESSY ROAD CAR FATALITY

A fatal traffic accident  
occurred at about 9 a.m.  
to-day, in Hennessy Road,  
near the Kwong Sang  
Hong Firm, when a  
Chinese cyclist was killed,  
in a collision with private  
car No. 200, driven by  
Shum Tsok-shu, engineer  
employed by the Nan  
Yang Tobacco Company.

The car was proceeding along  
Hennessy Road from west to  
east, when deceased, Ng Sze-kit,  
25, beef-store fook, riding on the  
bicycle from the opposite direc-  
tion, crashed into the front of  
the car. Ng was rushed to  
hospital, where he died shortly  
after admission.

## NIGHTSOIL COOLIES FINED

Two night-soil coolies employed  
by the Urban Council, Wong Wah,  
22, and Hiu Wah, 22, and an  
unemployed, Li Wing, 26, were  
charged with impersonating po-  
lice officers before Mr. D. J. N.  
Anderson at Kowloon this morn-  
ing.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman said that  
at 1.45 a.m. on Saturday, the  
complainant, Ho Wing, 22, house-  
boy, was walking in Prince Ed-  
ward Road where accused ap-  
proached him, declared they  
were police officers, and demand-  
ed to search a basket which  
complainant was carrying. When  
complainant insisted that they  
produce their identification cards,  
he then struck by first ac-  
cused. Sanitary Inspector F.  
Fowler appeared on the scene  
and had accused arrested.

The two night-soil coolies were  
each fined \$50, or two months'  
hard labour, and the third ac-  
cused, who had one previous  
conviction, was given three  
months.

## U.S. ARMS FACTORY GUTTED

FIRE "PRACTICALLY DE-  
STROYED" THE WHEELING  
MACHINE PRODUCTS COM-  
PANY FACTORY AT WHEEL-  
ING (WEST VA.) WHICH WAS  
MAKING SHELL FITTINGS.  
CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS UN-  
KNOWN.

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fled to safety and the flames  
spread rapidly through the

## PETAIN AND DARLAN IN A HUDDLE

Marshal Petain and  
Admiral Darlan hur-  
riedly conferred as  
soon as the news of  
the advance into  
Syria reached Vichy,  
states Rome Radio,  
quoted by Reuter  
from London this  
morning.

## ASSAULT ON TRAM CONDUCTOR

Anthony Francis  
Carmo, 21, Dairy Farm  
Company Inspector, was  
charged before Mr. H. G.  
Sheldon, K.C., at the Cen-  
tral Magistracy this  
morning, with assaulting  
a tramcar conductor,  
Chau Chuen, and a  
motorman, Siu Wah-hok,  
on a tramcar in Queen's  
Road Central, near Gar-  
den Road.

Mr. W. A. MacKinlay appeared  
for the prosecution. Mr. H. A.  
de B. Botelho pleaded guilty on  
behalf of defendant.

Mr. MacKinlay said that  
about 1.30 p.m. on May 31, ac-  
cused boarded tramcar No. 99,  
at the third class entrance. Ac-  
cused walked through the third  
class compartment, passed  
through a door and ascended the  
first-class stairway.

The conductor gave accused  
the option to get off the tram,  
or to return to the third class  
section. Accused struck the con-  
ductor on the mouth with his  
fist. When the motorman went  
up to find out what was the  
matter, he was kicked by the  
accused.

Mr. Botelho, who pleaded guilty  
on behalf of accused, told the  
Court that his client was very  
sorry for what he had done.

Mr. Sheldon ordered accused  
to pay \$10 compensation to each  
complainant.

## GALLANT POLISH DESTROYER

THE PART PLAYED BY THE  
POLISH DESTROYER, PIORUN,  
IN THE OPERATIONS AGAINST  
THE BISMARCK IS DESCRIBED  
IN AN ADMIRALTY COM-  
MUNIQUE, ISSUED LAST  
NIGHT IN LONDON, AS "VERY  
GALLANT AND EFFICIENT."

The Piorun engaged the Nazi  
battleship in a "most spirited  
manner" after being the first in  
the destroyer force to spot the  
enemy.

She sustained no damage or  
casualties although she came un-  
der heavy fire from the Bismarck.  
—Reuter.

sprawling building.  
The banks of the Ohio River  
are on fire.

An inspector said that the  
plant is practically destroyed.  
—Reuter.



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## ARITHMETIC OF CONQUEST

Nobody reads statistics.  
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But to-day is an exception. There are some statistics dictated by a man named Hitler.

And to the John Smiths of five countries, and to the families of John Smiths, the total forms the most tragic burden in the world.

You can say it quickly.

It is four billion dollars.

It is Hitler's bill to Norway, to Denmark, to Belgium, to the Netherlands, and to France. It is purely a business proposition. These countries lost their wars. They must pay the expenses of the armies of occupation—£840,000,000 a year.

Germany didn't make the figure public. Perhaps the Nazis knew that nobody reads statistics and thought that the world wouldn't be interested.

But Britain was interested. A parliamentary secretary recently put the figures together and explained them to the House of Commons.

He couldn't get the amounts for Poland, for Rumania, or for Bulgaria. But even without them the total compares quite favourably with all that Germany paid in reparations for the War of 1914-18.

And even a world which is not interested in figures, and has forgotten them, will remember the protest that Germany made over the "iniquities of Versailles." It will remember the conviction with which German statesmen assailed the "astronomical" demands of the Dawes and Young plans. It will remember how, convincingly the Reich's economists proved that Germany could not pay . . .

But Denmark, Norway, Belgium, the Netherlands, and France must pay. Their economy has been disrupted by war, their markets shut off. Their raw materials are restricted, and their supplies requisitioned by a conqueror. Yet France, for instance, is charged more than twice the



WHO IS THE MORE WATCHFUL?

# Publicity Chief

By  
**Corolyn Cox**

Sir Gerald Campbell, the comparatively new British Minister to the United States, who has just vigorously replied to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's remarks about Britain's military record, and has now been appointed to handle British publicity in the United States, was only recently discovered by his countrymen. It was on the completion of fourteen years of continuous expanding success in the British Consular Service in the United States that his name turned up in the New Year's Honours List, awarded a knighthood by his king.

Sir Gerald was born in St. Mary's, Hertfordshire, in 1877, one of a family of four sons and two daughters of Mary Head and the Rev. Colin Campbell, Clergyman. Campbell put together most excellent sermons, and small Gerald's ears were early accustomed to beautiful English and

actual cost of maintaining the Reich's legions on French soil, and the Germans are using the difference to "purchase" an interest in French industry.

If John Smith is a Norwegian, it will cost him £20 a year. If he is a Netherlander, it will amount to about £5 annually. Nor does the burden stop there. For hunger and want, also imposed, have followed in the footsteps of the Nazis.

There has been much argument over the cause of this privation. But the grim statistics to-day disclose the cause and the intent.

They show the uses of a conquered people.

A conquered people provide the means by which a conqueror may carry on his conquest.

It is as simple as that.

well-turned phrases. He acquired in a privileged fashion his intimate knowledge of the Book with which he now enriches his public speaking.

At an early age Sir Gerald moved with his family to Weston-Super-Mare, and there attended a small private school. But "boys are made the kind of men they become in their homes," says Miss Florence Campbell, his sister, who lives with her brother.

Sir Gerald went on to Repton and Trinity College, Cambridge, but he did not want to be a clergyman. Not knowing what he did want to be, he followed the usual line of least resistance—taught school for a year at Haywards Heath. School teaching settles many an uncertain mind and it settled Gerald Campbell. He tutored and took the examinations for the British Consular Service.

## African Saga

Vice-Consul at Rio was Campbell's first post, and then came the African saga. Throughout his consular service, he has landed continually in independent posts. From 1908 to 1913, he was Vice-Consul in the Belgian Congo with headquarters at Boma. But the district was so vast that young Campbell, sent out on long tours, was on his own for months at a time, hardly ever saw the Consul under whom he worked.

There was on one occasion a sporting bicycle trip he took from Mwanza to Elizabethville, riding on the bicycle on such parts of the trip as had any roads to ride upon, carrying the thing and his rifle, books, thermos bottle and so forth on other long portions where roads were not. He thought on the whole the bicycle was a handicap.

You can't be out on your own in the African jungle and develop into a "yes man." It takes five years you have proved yourself a success, and Sir Gerald did so. You have learned to think for yourself, to let rains rain themselves out and be ready to take up the trek when the sun shines again.

Returning to England on leave in 1911, Sir Gerald persuaded Miss Margaret Juler, who was studying music at the Royal Academy in London, to marry him and go out to set up housekeeping in the Congo, at Elizabethville in the Katanga District. When the bride and groom arrived, the brick bungalow being built for them by local workmen had suffered from their neglecting to put a roof on till they had done the rest of the house and the rains had come and gone.

There being no one else to play the piano parts for his wife's violin sonatas, Sir Gerald picked them out himself.

## In Ethiopia

In the middle of the first World War Sir Gerald was transferred from Venice to Ethiopia, and off he trekked, with his wife and two small daughters, to take up residence in Addis Ababa ("New Flower") among the eucalyptus trees planted by Haile Selassie's predecessor, Menelik. The Campbell's third daughter, Jean, was born in the Ethiopian capital.

When Sir Gerald was sent out from Ceylon to Philadelphia in 1920, he had no idea of the importance to himself and to his country of the chapter he was about to begin. The American businessman discovered one of the best after-dinner speakers he had heard in many moons. Sir Gerald was in demand.

San Francisco had the Campbells for nine years. A trophy of this chase hangs on Sir Gerald's wall to-day—a vast scarlet British lion, having its tail tweaked, with signatures all over it of San Francisco's businessmen who presented it to Sir Gerald at a farewell luncheon.

From coast-to-coast went the Campbell family, winding up in a New York skyscraper apartment. Sir Gerald was Consul General in Gotham from '31 to '38. Later he went to Ottawa.

What has happened to traditional British red tape, when a Consul General in the space of two years is seen to swoop up gracefully to an important diplomatic post? There are moments when the man in the street begins to wonder whether an invigorating breeze has not interrupted the ill winds of war.

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# GEN. WAVELL ON 'HOPELESS' RESISTANCE

JUSTIFYING THE British action in Syria by describing German infiltration there as the first stage of the Nazi conquest of the French Colonies, General Wavell, British Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, issued a proclamation last night to the soldiers of France in Syria.

The proclamation runs: "Frenchmen — soldiers, comrades of battles of yesterday and partners in to-morrow's victory — we have received an order to penetrate into this territory which you are guarding.

"It is the only way to preserve this territory at least from German seizure.

"The Boches occupy two-thirds of France and control the rest. They have now begun the conquest of your colonies. Syria and Lebanon are the first stage in this seizure which is now happening before your eyes.

"We do not come as enemies but on the contrary to your help against our common adversary. Instead of resisting

us, lend us your aid against your people's mortal enemy."

### French Army Heroes

General Wavell continued: "We come in considerable force. Any resistance on your part is useless.

"We know you would fight like heroes but without hope. We have learned in fighting side by side what honour means to French soldiers."

After recalling the Allied victory over the "Boches" 20 years ago, General Wavell concluded:

"We are going to beat them the second time. We would like it with your help, side by side with our comrades of the past war, and not against you." — Reuter.

## SQUADRON'S NEW DESERT HOME

The R.A.F. in the Middle East continues to break records. The latest is that of a Squadron which moved its station nearly 300 miles in three days.

Moving a squadron in the desert is no easy task. First of all the Squadron Commander, having received orders to go forward, makes a reconnaissance to choose the most suitable landing ground for his requirements. There are many details to be considered—accessibility, dimensions, water supply, vulnerability and other technical points.

Then the Medical Officer flies to the new site and tests the water — that is, if there is any water to test — and decides upon the place where he will establish his sick bay. Next comes the administration staff. This is installed and a telephone wire is laid.

The surface of the landing ground is inspected, and the bulk of the men follow in lorries, cars and in any other vehicles available. Petrol supplies and food are transported and maintenance specialists arrive, so that when the aircraft come they can go into action immediately.

In the case of the Squadron which moved 300 miles, the change was made without any interference with normal duties.

## DENUNCIATION BY MARSHAL PETAIN

MARSHAL PETAIN, in a message to French people in Syria, said the British attack was led "as at Dakar by Frenchmen serving under the dissident flag."

"Supported by British and Imperial forces," the message continued, "they are not hesitating to spill the blood of their brothers defending the unity of the Empire and French sovereignty.

"Painful as is the event, France, faithful to her word, can proudly declare that she did not take the initiative in striking a blow against her former Ally either today or previously at Mers-El-Kebir, Dakar or Stax. Guile went before force."

Refuting the allegation that Germans are landing large numbers of troops in French Levant ports and that France is preparing to hand over French colonial territory to Germany, Marshal Petain said a few periplanes which had landed temporarily "in our territory" have now left Syria, "with the exception of three or four which are not airworthy."

### Not One Nazi Soldier!

"You know there is not a single German soldier either in Syria or Lebanon," continued the aged Marshal. "You are therefore the objects of a most unjust act of aggression which revolts us. Today for the first time French sovereignty in the Levant is threatened.

"Fight for a just cause and the integrity of the territory entrusted to France by History. You will know how to defend it."

Denunciation of the British action is contained in Vichy's communique which described it as a "British plan to profit by France's defeat and to seize her empire."

The communique, which virtually is a repetition of Marshal Petain's message, says that French Government circles are watching the situation and its development calmly and coolly. — Reuter.

## Blitz Coming In Near East

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Preparations are being made in Cairo for a full-scale mechanised war in the Middle East.

German plans defy orthodox desert war procedure, but it is doubtful if they can launch a tank battle in 125 degs. of heat.

Furthermore, in the autumn, the Germans will have to fight with American material against them, but the Germans are moving to equip their desert army despite the fact that the British navy has sunk tens of thousands of tons of convoys.

British troops, who had served in the Balkans, are being rushed to reinforce the Army in the Middle East and another factor that has to be borne in mind is that the Germans do not like to fight in the heat. — International News Service.

## ANKARA IS STILL WONDERING

Well-informed circles in Ankara are wondering whether German provocation in Syria is not designed to distract the British while the main attack on Egypt is launched from Libya.

It was pointed out that air-borne troops would be useless in Syria in the face of heavy tanks which the British are able to bring into action, while the task of supplying the Germans in Syria would be extremely hard owing to the proximity of numerous British air bases.

Therefore, the Turks argue, the British should take over Syria as quickly as possible before German preparations for a Libya attack are complete.

TURKEY'S OWN POSITION BENEFITED BY THE WITHDRAWAL OF GERMAN TROOPS FROM GREECE AND BULGARIA, MAINLY TO MOLDAVIA, AND MILITARY EXPERTS EXPRESS THE OPINION THAT IT WILL TAKE THE GERMANS AT LEAST A MONTH TO BUILD UP THE ARMIES IN THESE AREAS TO THEIR FORMER STRENGTH. — REUTER.

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# Swiss Rely On Alpine Passes To Keep Invaders Away

WHEN DR. JOSEPH GOEBBELS, Germany's Propaganda Minister, announced in a recent interview that Germany had no intention of attacking Switzerland, many Swiss believed him.

They believed him not because they had forgotten the lessons of Czechoslovakia, Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, and Norway, but because Switzerland presents military obstacles which many Swiss military experts believe would render an invasion attempt impractical even for Germany's Panzer Divisions.

The fact that the tiny democracy is now entirely surrounded by the united military power of the Axis, has not weakened the Swiss determination to defend their country.

It has weakened Switzerland's ability to defend the plain between the Alps and the Rhine, but does not essentially change its military position as a whole.

Switzerland's strength lies in the Alps and in its historical mission as guardian of the passes.

## Tunnels Are Traffic Arteries

The importance of this mission can be judged by anyone who stands at the entrance to the Gotthard or the Simplon tunnels and watches the long lines of freight cars being drawn through these most modern of tunnels with the most modern of electric locomotives.

Three of the world's longest tunnels -- the Lotschberg, the Simplon and the Gotthard -- are Switzerland's guarantee against aggressors. Freight for most of Europe north of Switzerland passes through these main arteries from Italy and Mediterranean ports.

And at the present time these passage-ways are vital links between German-controlled Europe and the Mediterranean.

German, Netherlands, Belgian, French, Czech, and Polish cars -- passing daily and even hourly all under German control -- are along these routes. They carry coal and iron to Italy, and bring back bauxite, fruits, and vegetables.

Without these railway lines, Germany would be virtually cut off from the south. The Brenner Pass railway line is a single track and freight would soon choke up its limited capacity. Other routes which pass through France or the Balkans are possible, but are so roundabout that much valuable time would be lost in shipping over these routes alone.

## Important To Axis

Thus Germany and Italy are only too well aware of the value of maintaining intact these valuable rail links. And they are, in the opinion of many Swiss, more inclined to leave to Switzerland the task of guarding the tunnels, than to attempt an invasion with the likely result that the tunnels -- already well mined by the Swiss -- would be blown to ruins which would take years to repair.

But these measures would only be put into operation as a last resort. The Swiss are confident that the narrow, tortuous valley from Altdorf to Goeschenert would hinder sufficiently any invading force which might seek to use the road through the valley as an approach to the Gotthard tunnel.

It would be much easier to render useless this road, which at some places is merely a narrow shelf carved into the side of the rocky wall high above the valley floor. The approach to the Simplon tunnel passes through equally difficult terrain.

## Austrians Found Out

A mechanised army in the Alps would meet with the same difficulties that the heavily armoured Austrian knights encountered when they tried to subject the free Swiss in the thirteenth century. From high Alpine heights rocks were rolled down upon them by an invisible foe; the horses could not be manoeuvred on the narrow trails and the

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Hong Kong, 7th June, 1941.

## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED

### Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, 60 Hunter Street, Sydney, Australia, on FRIDAY, 20th JUNE, 1941, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1940, and of declaring Dividend, etc., and appointing Messrs. Smith Johnson and Co., Sydney as Auditors of the Society for the ensuing year in lieu of the present Auditors.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 9th JUNE to 20th JUNE, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. H. K. COBB, Manager for the Far East, Hong Kong, 7th June, 1941.

## THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED

### Notice To Shareholders

THE SIXTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 25th June, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

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# BRIDGE NOTES

## BRIDGE SWINDLES—

### NO. 42

#### By The Four Aces

Among the ways of "swindling" an opponent is the device of creating a guess where no true guess really exists. For example:

South, Dealer  
East-West vulnerable

NORTH  
♠ J 9 8 4 2  
♥ K 6  
♦ J 8 2  
♣ 10 9 6

WEST  
♠ A 7 6 5 3  
♥ Q J 7 6 2  
♦ K 6  
♣ 7

EAST  
♠ K Q 10  
♥ A 10 8 4 3  
♦ 5  
♣ 6 5 4 3

SOUTH  
♠ —  
♥ 9  
♦ A Q 10 9 7 4 3  
♣ A K J 8 2

#### The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	1♥	Pass	3♥
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West opened the Queen of hearts, dummy played the King, and East won with the Ace. East then returned the King of spades, and South ruffed. South laid down the Ace and then a low diamond, and West took the diamond King.

West tried to cash the Jack of hearts, but South ruffed.

It was now apparent to East that the setting trick could be obtained only in clubs, but it was also obvious that South could successfully finesse through the club Queen unless he could be steered away from this normal line of play. So East decided to execute a swindle.

After ruffing the Jack of hearts, South laid down the Ace of clubs, and then led a low diamond to dummy's Jack. At this point, East casually discarded a low club!

South was not a particularly astute player, so he regarded this club discard as having been made from a worthless club holding. If that were so, West must have the Queen of clubs, and the only chance to make the contract lay in dropping the blank Queen in the West hand. Accordingly, South returned, a club from the dummy and played his King instead of finessing. That set up East's club Queen as the setting trick, much to his glee and South's chagrin. Note that South would have finessed, but for East's deceptive discard, and the finesse would have enabled South to make his contract.

Saturday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 7 5  
♥ 8 3 2  
♦ 10 4  
♣ K 9 6 2

#### The bidding:

Jacoby	Burnstone	Schnecko	You
1NT	Dbl.	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Pass. You have a fairly strong hand for defence against one no-trump, when you consider the fact that the opening bidder and your partner must have between them every high card in the deck, aside from what you hold.

Score: 100% for pass, 80% for two clubs.

### Question No. 737

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner, and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K 7 5  
♥ J 8 3 2  
♦ 10 4  
♣ K 9 6 2

#### The bidding:

Schnecko	Jacoby	Male	You
1NT	Dbl.	3♥	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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# PRIEST'S LETTER HOME

A Royal Air Force officer, writing from Cirene, the ancient capital of Cyrenaica, relates that during a terrific storm he reached the village of Luigi di Savoia after midnight and sought shelter at the house of the village priest.



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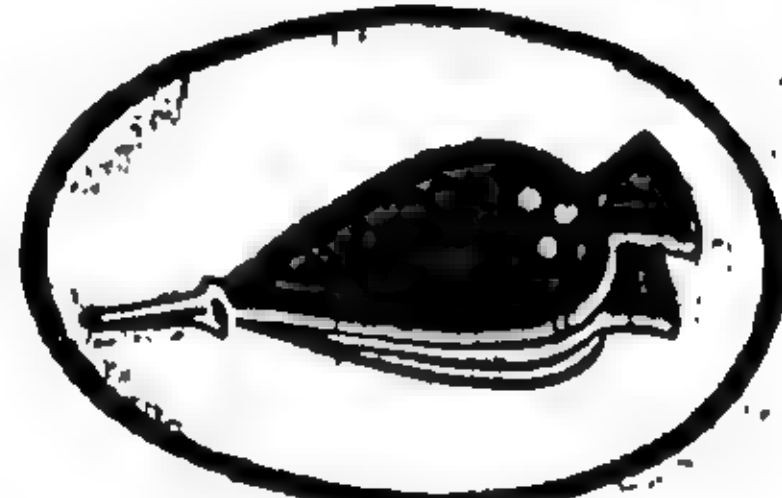
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## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Lovely New Fragrances Inspire Personal Daintiness

It goes without saying that a lovely perfume or cologne is the final step of careful and fragrant grooming and should never be used to cover up neglect.

How any girl or woman can whiff one of these lush brews and not be inspired immediately to indulge in a session of personal ablution to be followed with a thorough perfuming, is beyond me. It is really nice to "work up" to the perfuming—to shower, touch up toenails and fingernails, brush hair, give self a facial and do any other bit of glamorising that is necessary. How self-confident one feels after all that! No problem is too big to lick!

### New Brews

Some very exquisite scents are making their bows this season—one literally dropped from heaven! Yes, in order to promote a lovely fragrance appropriately, one of the cosmetic houses sent thousands of tiny samples tied to gayly coloured balloons into the air. When the balloons collapsed the little vials dropped from heaven into the hands of pleased and eager women! You can bet that promotion boosted the sales!

Flower essences seem to be most favoured, as I have told you before. One exquisite mixture, which is as lasting as many heavier perfumes, comes from the old-fashioned flower Night Stock. This is to be sprayed or rubbed on while the body is warm and fresh from the bath and it is



Fashion goes flowery this season and suggests springtime fragrances of white phlox, lilac, green moss, sweet bean, night stock or hyacinth. Inspiring brews to banish winter weariness!

## If You're A Good Mother..

You won't take cocktails or spirits while carrying or nursing.

(Red or white wine with your doctor's approval is not entirely forbidden on occasions though, and sometimes stout.)

Your won't allow him to gulp down his food too fast.

(Over-eating results in indigestion or the wind.)

You won't pace the floor by night or walk the pram by day to get him to sleep—unless you don't realise that he may be under-fed, or have pain.

(If he's hungry at night making the last feed later and the first earlier is a good plan.)

You won't let him lie with the sun in his face—unless (Well, just try it yourself and see what you'd say!)

You won't attempt to clean inside his mouth—unless you don't know it's just not done these days.

(It injures the delicate membrane and encourages thrush.)

You won't start to wean without expert advice—unless you don't mind risking trouble with your breasts or a crotchety baby.

(Weaning's not hard, though, if you go about it the right way with the help of a chart.)

You won't worry too much because oranges are scarce and he needs their juice—unless, of course, you don't know there are substitutes.

(Grapefruit, turnip and swede juices are three. Even better are the very new Vitamin C tablets now being sold.)

as appropriate for tweeds as it is for frills and lace!

### Do A Thorough Job

If you like fragrances and do wear them, do a thorough job of perfuming yourself and your personality. Begin with scenting the bath water with salts or oil, then anoint your skin with cologne and body powder of the same fragrance, follow through by using make-up that matches and for a final dash spray your hanky, gloves and handbag with the perfume. It is possible to get an entire line of toiletries and make-up scented alike—so you will go out smelling like a lilac and looking as fresh, or like another favoured flower!

Spring makes a woman yearn for new colognes and perfumes. It is just as natural as wanting a new spring hat—so if you can, indulge in your whim and buy yourself the most inspiring fragrance of the lot. If you haven't

### Kitchen Hints

Remove scorch and stains from cooking utensils as quickly as possible after they have occurred. This saves rubbing and is not so hard on the utensils.

Before you open tinned goods, always wipe the tin well, and open them on the bottom side. This is usually dry and clean, even if the top has got rusty or rusty. By doing this, no dust or rust will get into the contents of the tin.

been shopping fragrances in some time you will be surprised at the many new ones waiting for your sniffs!

## Are You A Fence Sitter?

If you are, you sit on the fence for safety; and it's the most dangerous place in the world.

Oh yes, we must all be diplomatic sometimes. Often we have to suspend judgment. We can even remain friends with both sides in a quarrel.

But to sit on the fence from policy is a policy of disaster. You can sooner make a friend out of an enemy than one who thinks you a fence-sitter.

You meet a distinguished stranger and want to impress him, so you don't commit yourself on any subject till you get a lead from him.

Yet which would he find more interesting—someone with opinions other than his; or someone with no opinions at all?

Someone with influence is unjust to a friend of yours, and you know it. Your opinion is asked. You want to offend neither, so you hedge.

The result is, they both despise you. Even to have chosen the wrong side boldly would have damaged you less than your shabby prudence.

If you take a chance, well, at least you HAVE a chance. If you sit on the fence you've none.

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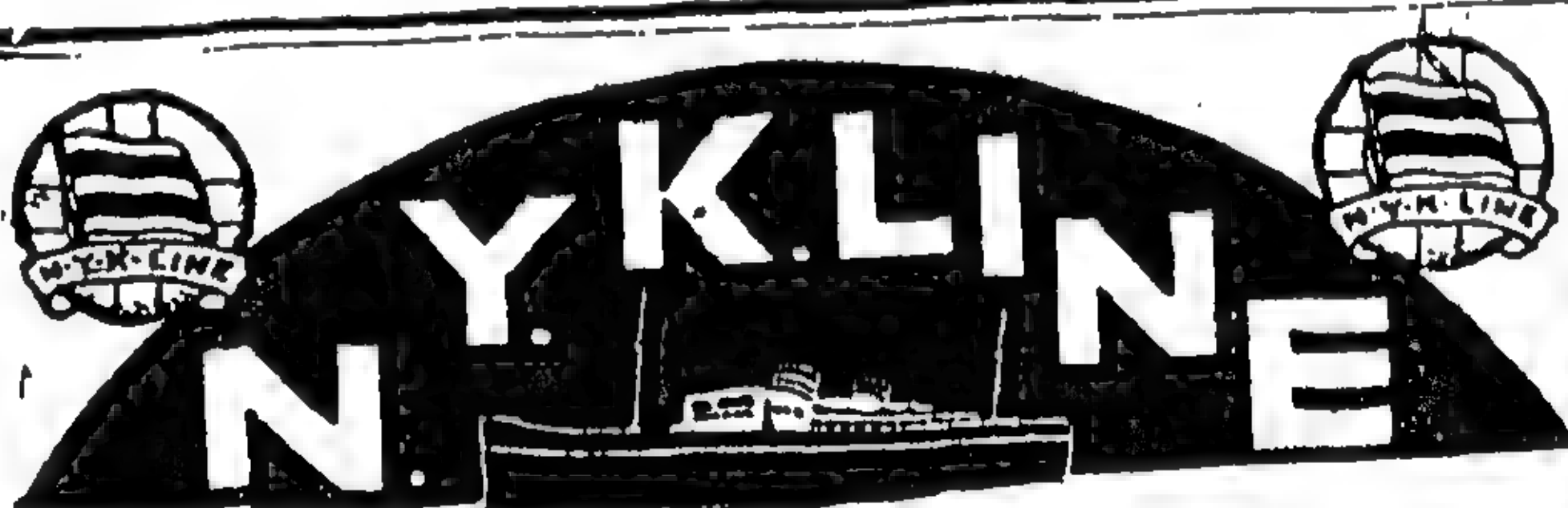
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12.30 p.m.—"Band Waggon" with Arthur Askey, Richard Murdoch and Company.

12.32 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude. "The Gay Nineties"—Waltz Medley. New Mayfair Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Film Selections.  
 "Heart's Desire"—Selection.  
 Cine Studio Orchestra.  
 "Broadway Melody of 1940"—Between You and Me.  
 1 Concentrate on You.  
 Mary Healy (vocal) w. Orch.  
 "2nd Street"—I'd like to see Samoa of Samoa.  
 Mantovani and His Orchestra.  
 "Fisherman's Wharf"—Blue Italian Waters.  
 Fisherman's Chantle.  
 Bobby Breen (vocal) with Organ.  
 "Wake Up and Live"—Selection.  
 Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Billy Cotton and His Band.  
 Fox-Trots—I Miss You in the Morning.  
 To Mother—with Love.  
 Waltz—The Umbrella Man.  
 Fox-Trots—I'm a Little Prairie Flower.  
 The Best of Friends.  
 Fox-Trot—Horsey, Horsey.  
 Novelty Waltz—Maybelle, Maybelle.  
 Fox-Trot—We've Come a Long Way Together.  
 Novelty Dance—The Handsome Terrestrial.

2.13 p.m.—Close Down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Mozart—Concerto in G Major.  
 1st Mov.: Allegro.  
 2nd Mov.: Andante.  
 3rd Mov.: Allegretto and Finale (Presto).  
 Edwin Fischer (Piano) and His Chamber Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.36 p.m.—Songs by Theodore Chaila-Pine.

The Horn (Flegler).  
 The Old Corporal (Dargomilsky).  
 7.40 p.m.—Tchaikovsky—Romeo and Juliet—Overture Fantasia.  
 William Mengelberg and His Concert Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Programme Summary and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—This week's programmes.  
 8.05 p.m.—The Andrews Sisters.  
 Long Time no See (Altman, Cavanaugh).

Begin the Beguine (from "Jubilee").  
 Tuxedo Junction (Hawkins and others).  
 8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Quiet, Please!"

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9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) and The Orchestra Mascotte.  
 Second Waltz Medley (Robrecht).  
 Orchestra Mascotte.

When a Woman Smiles.  
 Goodbye, Little Dream, Goodbye (both from "O Mistress Mine").  
 Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) w. Pierre Fresnay and Orch.

Ballroom Memories—Waltz Pot-pourri (arr. Robrecht).  
 Orchestra Mascotte.

Au Clair de la Lune (Lull).  
 Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) with Clavecin.

Over Land and Sea—Waltz Pot-pourri (arr. Gotz Hohne).  
 Orchestra Mascotte.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).  
 9.45 p.m.—Piano duets by Moreton and Kaye.

Tin Pan Alley Medley—No. 17.  
 Intro.: Deep Purple; We've come a long way together; The masquerade is over; Could Be; Boogie Woogie; Taint what you do.

Midnight in Mayfair (Newell Chase).  
 Four Hands on a Piano (Moreton—Kaye).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"News from Home" by Howard Marshall.  
 10.15 p.m.—London Relay—"The Stones Cry Out"—4.

10.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Hawaiian Orchestra.  
 Fox-Trots—I used to be Colour Blind.

Let Me Whisper.  
 Roy Smeck and His Hawaiian Serenaders.

Waltzes—Poeme.  
 Delilah.  
 Gino Bordin and His Hawaiians.

Fox-Trot—When I Dream of You, I Dream of Old Hawaii.  
 Waltz—Dreamy Moana Nights.  
 Charles Kama and His Moana Hawaiians.

Fox-Trots—South of Pago Pago.  
 A Song of Old Hawaii.  
 Ray Kinney and His Hawaiian Musical Ambassadors.

Waltz—Honolulu Sweetheart of Mine.  
 Charles Kama and His Moana Hawaiians.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

# CROWDED HOUR

It was 4 o'clock in the afternoon and a pilot officer, out with his Spitfire squadron over occupied France was hoping the Luftwaffe would answer the challenge.

For 20 minutes the Spitfires flew up the French coast looking

for trouble. Suddenly three Me. 109s streaked over, and seven more came at them from almost straight ahead.

The fight was on, and here, in the words of the pilot officer, is what happened.

"I pulled straight up and opened fire on the leader, the target changing from semi-head-on to full broadside into the enemy aircraft's belly. Almost instantaneously there was a great burst of flame aft of the pilot.

"My machine stalled and I let her spin until I had lost about 5,000 feet. I then climbed again after the enemy formation, which had turned North. There were only five machines now, and they were descending.

"I opened fire on the rearmost aircraft and got in three bursts. The enemy aircraft turned right and half rolled. Faint white mist came from under the starboard wing root. I was forced to break contact when the remainder interfered.

"As I was flying back over the Channel I saw a Me. 109 stalk and shoot at the squadron leader's Spitfire, and then do a climbing turn to the left. The enemy aircraft had not observed me, and I opened fire when some way off, closing to point blank range.

"This Me. 109 had large black numerals and a bright green nose. I turned to continue the engagement, but broke away on seeing the enemy aircraft emitting dense clouds of black smoke and flames from its starboard side.

"The enemy aircraft appeared to be out of control and burning fiercely."

It was 4.45 p.m. when the pilot officer landed, 45 minutes from the time his adventures began. The remaining 15 minutes of the hour had their excitements too, for after landing the pilot officer learned that a sergeant in his squadron had shot down another of the Me. 109s, that his squadron leader had made a forced landing on the coast and that, though wounded, he was safe.

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R. Ogden (K.F.C.)	5	4	0	1	109	94	15	0	8
J. C. Altken (P.R.C.)	4	3	0	1	103	59	44	0	6
N. P. Karanjia (C.C.C.)	4	3	0	1	103	71	32	0	6
A. M. Wahab (I.R.C.)	5	3	0	2	110	87	23	0	6
K. C. Hamilton (K.B.G.C.)	5	3	0	2	101	101	0	0	6
B. Evans (K.F.C.)	5	3	0	2	86	99	0	13	6
M. A. Carvalho (Recreio)	6	3	0	3	104	100	4	0	6
A. J. Coelho (C.C.C.)	6	3	0	3	100	113	0	13	6
J. MacDonald (P.R.C.)	4	2	1	1	89	47	42	0	5
S. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	5	2	1	2	101	100	1	0	5
C. Wallis (K.B.G.C.)	2	2	0	0	60	25	35	0	4
C. F. Needham (H.K.F.C.)	2	2	0	0	60	30	20	0	4
L. Gaddi (C.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	60	40	20	0	4
E. S. Abraham (H.K.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	43	31	12	0	4
D. A. Rozarlo (C.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	42	24	18	0	4
G. S. Graver (H.K.F.C.)	3	2	0	1	62	60	2	0	4
A. O. Madar (I.R.C.)	4	2	0	2	76	65	11	0	4
J. Russell (H.K.F.C.)	4	2	0	2	64	90	0	26	4
J. T. Smalley (K.F.C.)	5	2	0	3	102	98	4	0	4
M. F. Alarcon (Recreio)	5	2	0	3	89	102	0	13	4
L. de Rome (H.K.E.R.C.)	5	2	0	3	87	96	0	9	4
W. A. Cornell (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	15	5	0	2
S. H. Strange (H.K.F.C.)	1	1	0	0	21	16	5	0	2
J. B. Gilroy (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	19	15	4	0	2
B. J. Lacon (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	16	4	0	2
C. C. Pereira (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	27	25	2	0	2
J. F. Lunny (H.K.E.R.C.)	2	1	0	1	49	45	4	0	2
G. S. Ladd (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	35	35	0	1	2
A. Nisim (H.K.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	34	41	0	7	2
F. Channing (P.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	57	58	0	1	2
P. C. Moran (H.K.F.C.)	3	1	0	2	55	64	0	9	2
J. K. Glendon (H.K.E.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	51	53	0	32	2
B. A. Mazzetti (H.K.F.C.)	4	1	0	3	71	80	0	9	2
P. A. Alexandrovich (Recreio)	5	1	0	4	92	102	0	10	2
A. E. Caray (P.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	23	24	0	1	0
A. E. Altken (K.B.G.C.)	1	0	0	1	18	21	0	5	0
A. H. Mahan (I.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	21	0	5	0
P. B. Canley (H.K.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	21	0	5	0
C. E. Gahagan (H.K.E.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	15	20	0	5	0
P. C. Butler (H.K.E.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	14	19	0	5	0
A. S. Mitchell (H.R.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	12	23	0	11	0
R. M. Edwards (H.K.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	13	29	0	16	0
C. Beardsley (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	13	31	0	16	0
A. F. Nicolson (Recreio)	1	0	0	1	8	31	0	23	0
G. E. F. Thompson (K.B.G.C.)	2	0	0	2	27	38	0	11	0
A. Tomlinson (H.K.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	31	49	0	18	0
J. Day (C.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	34	56	0	22	0
A. F. Pank (H.K.E.R.C.)	3	0	0	2	25	57	0	32	0
Totals	138	65	2	55	2677	2677	340	340	138



# TWENTIETH CENTURY ATHLETES PUT ACCENT ON STREAM-LINES

FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL MAN has glorified the human body. For centuries sculptors, poets and painters alike have praised the fine physiques of track and field athletes. The ancient Greeks considered imperfect physical development a disgrace, consequently even the youths sought to develop a beautiful and well proportioned body. In addition each individual aspired to excel in speed, endurance and courage. Hence it was only natural for these aspiring champions to turn to track and field sports as the media through which these qualities were to be developed.

Whether the Greeks realised it or not they were using modern science in their selection of physiques. For centuries, since the fall of Greece, too much stress has been laid on heavy large bunched muscles in the realm of sport. Such a type of muscle now is considered useless in our modern stream-lined athletic programme, with the exception of such sports as wrestling and even here the amateurs prefer a lighter type of muscle.

## Cave-Men Out Of Date

Roughly speaking, from a layman's point of view there are two types of muscle—the long and stringy muscles and the heavy bunched type. Since modern athletics have abandoned the old idea of brute strength and introduced rhythm, co-ordination and speed, the 20th century athlete is built more along the long, lean and limber lines rather than the stocky cave-man breed of the past.

The reason for this change is that the heavy type of muscle is slow and awkward. A comparison might be an ox representing the heavy muscle and a fox typifying the stringy type. The assault on the records in every branch of sport during the last twenty years should prove to any doubting individual that this new theory is correct. The main reason that the heavy muscle is slower is because the human body is made up of layers of muscles. Therefore if the outer layers have to cross great masses of bulging muscles in their action, the resistance is much greater than that created by long, stringy, flat muscles. However, one should not get the idea that the 20th Century athlete is a pale hollow chested specimen; the emphasis is now no longer on great bulging biceps.

## Moderation In Training

Many narrow minded critics are prone to be little the values of track and field sports. To begin with, one must remember that any recreation or business in moderation is not harmful but when it becomes a mania then it is to be laid aside. Many folks fail to remember this and then when some aging runner or jumper develops heart trouble or some other such ailment they nod their heads and say, "What did I tell you?" Training in any sport should be taken seriously but not to the extent of inflicting bodily injuries.

Training improves the nervous and muscular control so that co-ordination of the mind and body approaches the ultimate perfect-



## TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Only one match in the First Division of the Tennis League will be played to-day, when Hong Kong University Tennis Club meet South China Athletic Association, at Pokfulam. The other matches have been postponed owing to Volunteer Duties.

organs are developed to their fullest during your training and if you stop too suddenly you may weaken them. At the end of the season taper off so that your organs have a chance to re-adjust themselves to the new mode of living.

3. Keep a close watch over your health in and out of season. If during training you lose too much weight over a short period consult a doctor and accept his advice.

4. Remember that athletics are for RECREATION and are not a business; relax and enjoy them and don't take them too seriously.

## Keep These Points In Mind

The aspiring athlete should keep several points in mind.

1. Never keep at one activity too long as it will become like a drug and you will either go at it too strenuously or will lose interest in it entirely. Mix in other sports out-of-season.

2. Never quit strenuous training too suddenly. Your heart and

Reaction tests have many times proven this by showing that people who are regular participants in athletics have a faster

## NO SWIMMING INTERPORT WITH MANILA

The Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation are unable to obtain permission from the State Department to send a team of swimmers and divers to the Colony for an Interport Swimming contest. This was learned from Mr. L. R. Idefonso, local representative of the P.A.A.F., who has just received a letter to that effect from Dr. Ylanan, Secretary-Treasurer of the P.A.A.F.

The Philippine governing sports body have proposed as an alternative that Hong Kong send a representative team to Manila later in the season.

## EASTERN'S SUCCESSSES

The visiting Eastern Football team from Hong Kong played their third match in Australia on Saturday, when they beat Newcastle and the Northern Districts by 5 goals to 3.

Yesterday they beat Granville by 7 goals to 4.—Reuter.

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# R.A.F. BOMBING BLOWS

## Nazi Ships Attacked Along Coast Of Europe

### GERMAN 'PLANES ON WAY TO ALEPPO

German 'planes were rumoured to have been seen flying very high over Hatai, south-western Turkey, by night, going to Aleppo.

They were outside the range of A.A. guns, the reports from Ankara added.—Reuter.

### APPEAL TO FRENCH IN SYRIA

Hope of securing Arab and French cooperation in the task in Syria was expressed in a Cairo Middle East communique yesterday which, referring to Syria, says:

"Early this morning, Allied Forces under the command of General Wilson, crossed the frontier into Syria with the object of eliminating German personnel and influence from certain areas in which they are securing a dominating position through continued infiltration.

"If allowed to proceed unchecked,

## Daylight Campaign Success

THE AIR MINISTRY ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY FURTHER BLOWS BY THE R.A.F. BOMBER COMMAND ON SATURDAY IN THE THREE-MONTHS OLD DAYLIGHT CAMPAIGN AGAINST ENEMY SHIPPING FROM NORWAY TO THE MEDITERRANEAN.

It has already been announced that a convoy of supply ships off the Dutch coast was attacked during the morning and two ships set afire and probably destroyed. Other vessels in this convoy were damaged.

Later in the day, the communique also discloses, bomb and machine-gun attacks were made on an escorted supply ship off the Norwegian coast and other vessels in convoy off the Dutch coast.

A salvage ship lying beside a large submerged wreck off Terschelling and surrounded by anti-aircraft ships, was bombed and set on fire.

ed, the establishment of German bases in these areas might endanger the security of the Allied situation in the Middle East and lead to the Arab countries being seized by the Axis Powers.

"It is hoped to secure both French and Arab cooperation in this task.—Reuter.

Two British bombers were hotly engaged by German fighters on the way back. One enemy fighter was damaged.

### Offensive Patrols

Eighty-three ships have been sunk in daring low-level attacks by R.A.F. bombers in the past three months; it is officially announced.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Peirse, Commander-in-Chief, Bomber Command, in a special Order of the Day, congratulated the pilots on their success on Saturday.

Aircraft of the Fighter Command carried out offensive patrols over the Straits of Dover and occupied territory.

### Bergen Docks Raided

Three British bombers and a fighter are missing from Saturday's daylight operations.

The R.A.F. attack on Saturday night on the German naval base at Brest is described by the Air Ministry as successfully carried out in spite of sea fog which made observation difficult, and many sticks of bombs were dropped across the docks. Coastal Command aircraft attacked docks and shipping at Bergen during the night. No British bombers were lost.—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

Ten cases of cholera—four from the New Territories, and three each from Victoria and Kowloon—73 cases of tuberculosis, four of dysentery and one of measles were notified to the Health Authorities over the week-end.

Mr. Cordell Hull announced in Washington details of an agreement between the United States and the French High Commissioner for the Colonies in the Western Hemisphere.

Under the agreement, the French High Commissioner guaranteed that the Colonies will not harm United States interests nor export any gold without first notifying Washington.

The agreement also provides for a daily patrol by ship and aeroplane of Martinique.—Reuter.

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## WEYGAND RELUCTANT TO FIGHT

The entry of British troops into Syria has caused "consternation and indignation" in political circles in Vichy, telegraphs the correspondent of the Zurich newspaper, "Neue Zuercher Zeitung."

The correspondent adds that Vichy considers the situation extremely tense and it is suggested that events in Syria may have "unexpected consequences" on Franco-British relations.

The same paper in an editorial says the probable explanation why General Weygand refused to go to Syria is that he is opposed to any action against General de Gaulle's forces, holding that such action will lead France towards war with Britain.

The Zurich newspaper "Die Aat" reports from Berlin that it is believed there the British action will bring France closer in relations with Germany.

It adds: "France is expected now to enter in closer military and diplomatic relations with Germany regardless of the opinion of Great Britain and the United States."—Reuter.

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## EXPORT LICENCE CASE

Four Chinese adults and two juveniles were charged at the Central Magistracy before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with a breach of the Defence Regulations, by submitting an export licence containing false information.

The adult defendants were Chan Sai-kit, 70, permit writer, Tsang Wat-ming, 22, translator, Wong Wun-mui, 19, shop fooki, and Ng Chik-tong, 20, described as a clerk employed by the Controller of Trade.

At the request of Mr. D. Fitches, of the General Post Office, the case was remanded for 48 hours for further enquiries.

Bail of \$2,000 each was allowed.

Alleged to have unlawfully received three tons of rivets valued at \$2,018, a Chinese married woman, was remanded for three days for further enquiries at the Central Magistracy this morning.

## COOLIE STOLE 29 GUINEA PIGS

For the theft of 29 guinea pigs from the Hong Kong University, Pokfulam, Au Sing, 26, coolie, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning.

According to Det.-Sergt. W. Summers, accused sold the animals to a shop in Des Voeux Road Central. The guinea pigs were for laboratory experiments.

Accused had a previous conviction for larceny.

## DEATH

BULLOCK—Gladys Beatrice, beloved wife of Harry Bullock and elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tomlin at the War Memorial Hospital on 8th June, 1941. Cortege will pass the Monument at 5.15 p.m. to-day.

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